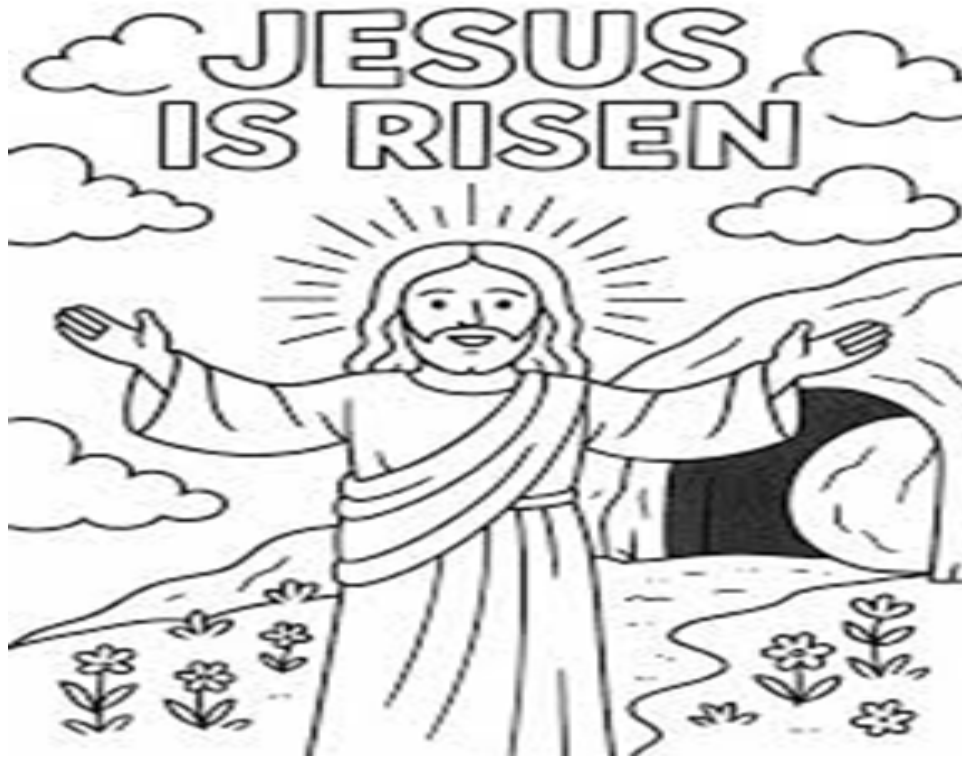


Easter Prayer

Dear God, thank you for new life in the springtime, for flowers and birds, for bright green new leaves. Thank you, God, for new life at Easter, for Jesus who is with us, right now and every day **Amen**



Parish of St. Mary CREGGAN



SUNDAY MASS

Vigil (*Saturday*) 6.30 pm
10.30 am
12.15 pm

Polish Mass

4.00 pm (every 2nd & 4th Sunday)

HOLY DAY MASS

as announced

WEEK DAY MASS

Monday-Saturday 10.00 am
Tuesday & Friday 7.30 pm

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Monday - Friday 5.00 pm - 5.30 pm
Saturday - 10.30 am
5.30 pm - 6.20 pm

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT (in the Divine Mercy Chapel)

Sunday 1.30 pm - 6 pm
Monday 10.30 am - 7 pm
Tue - Sat 10.30 am - 12 pm

Fr. Daniel McFaul PP

Fr. Ignacy Saniuta CC

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 10 am - 1 pm

Tel 02871263152 - email: stmaryscreggan@derrydiocese.org

www.stmaryscreggan.com

BAPTISMS Saturday at 5pm Contact the Parish Office 71263152 between 10am-12 noon Mon-Fri

MARRIAGES At least 3 months notice must be given to the Parish. Contact Parish Office to arrange Pre-Marriage Preparation Course.

THE WEBCAM: To join us for the live streaming of all Masses via the webcam, log into www.creggan.chapel.com or www.churchservies.tv/creggan.

If you have any difficulty accessing the webcam, please contact the parish office on 028 7126 3152 or email stmaryscreggan@derrydiocese.org.

IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS REGARDING SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & ADULTS

in need of protection within the Church, please contact Marie O'Kane, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) 07596500793 or at dlp@derrydiocese.org Additional Contact numbers - PSNI Tel 101 or Social Services Western SHC Trust Tel 02871314090 (ask for Duty Social Worker)

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5th April 2026

Easter Sunday



Our Lenten journey is over. Our fasting is complete; now we can feast and celebrate. We have travelled with Jesus from the harshness of the desert to the new life coming from the empty tomb. Having walked with Jesus as we carried our cross, we now share in and experience the joy and power of his resurrection.

Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows, and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. It is our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in our souls, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament, and in Heaven that gives meaning to our personal, as well as to our common, prayers. Our trust in the all-pervading presence of the Risen Lord gives us strength to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears. The prayer

of St. Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland, reads: "Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ within me, never to part."

The Priests of the Parish wish all our Parishioners and visitors a Blessed and Holy Easter. Masses during Easter Week will be at 10am each morning. Please note there will be

No evening Mass on Tuesday 7th April and Friday 10th April

SAFEGUARDING: There will be Safeguarding training for all those in the parish involved in church activities which may involve contact with children/young people on Wednesday the **22nd April at 6.30pm**. Safeguarding Training must be updated every three years. Please phone the parish office between 10am - 1pm to confirm your attendance.

Derry Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Fatima: We are inviting young people aged 16+ to join us on pilgrimage to Fatima for 5 nights from 3rd to 8th August. This will be a unique experience for young people and an opportunity to engage with their peers from around the world in a faith context. Cost is £820 and there will be a budget plan to help with this. Names and deposit of £100 are required as soon as possible to secure a place. For more information or to book in please contact bethany.doherty@derrydiocese.org 00 44 287126408.

St Columba's Church, Long Tower: Annual Sr Clare Retreat, Monday 13 - Sunday 19 April

Derry Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026: All places on the pilgrimage are now filled. However, if places become available through cancellations these will offered to those on the waiting list. All pilgrims are asked to complete final payment as soon as possible. Please note that the Pilgrimage office will be closed during Easter Week 6 to 11 April

Recent Deaths: We offer prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of



Martin Burke Creggan Heights

May his soul experience the everlasting love and mercy of God

Last Week's Collection: £1837 Parish Development £621
Standing Orders £147 Thank you for your continued support and generosity

Recent Baptisms: *We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism*
Mabel Linda Kelly, Violet Patricia Mary Green and Isla Grace Wade



Parish Draw: We congratulate the winners of last weeks Parish draw:

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| 1st Prize £1000 | Colleen McLaren | Ticket Number 79 |
| 2nd Prize £500 | Gerry Doherty | Ticket Number 181 |
| 3rd Prize £250 | Nora Burke | Ticket Number 63 |

The Padre Pio Prayer Group, Holy Family Chapel, will take place on **Tuesday 7 April** Everyone welcome.

Prayer for Vocations: We pray for an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood, that the men called to be priests will preach and live by the gospel, the Good News of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, risen from the dead, our hope of resurrection and everlasting life.

THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA



The Novena of Divine Mercy which began on Good Friday will conclude with devotions lead by Bishop Donal McKeown on Divine Mercy Sunday, **12 April 2026** at 3.00pm. In preparation for the feast we are asked to go to confession to receive God's mercy. Attending confession the week before or the week after satisfies the requirement.

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

On this great feast of mercy St. Faustina who received the revelation of the Divine Mercy wrote that Jesus told her: *"The greater the sinner the greater the mercy. Summon all those to confidence in the incomprehensible depth of My Mercy for I desire to save all. The well of Mercy was opened wide with a lance on the Cross, for all souls. I do not exclude anyone"*.

Divine Mercy Novena leaflets are available in the Church