

Gentle Jesus, compassionate and caring Good Shepherd, help me to follow You faithfully. Strengthen me daily with Your love, and guide me along life's paths.



Parish of St. Mary CREGGAN



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.cregganparish.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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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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26th April 2026

4th Sunday of Easter



For many of us today who live in cities and housing estates, we don't often see many shepherds herding their sheep to market.

In the gospel this Sunday, (Good Shepherd Sunday) Jesus uses the image of the shepherd to describe himself and his relationship with us. At the time of Jesus, shepherds were a part of daily life for many people. When Jesus uses the image and symbol of the shepherd, the people to whom he was speaking would have understood what he was talking about immediately.

But what does the image of Jesus the shepherd mean for us today? While sheep all look the same to us, a shepherd knows each of them individually.

The Lord knows and loves each of us as individuals. We are not all the same to the Jesus. He loves each of us personally and intimately. The Prophet Isaiah has a beautiful image of this when he writes, *'I have called you by your name, you are mine, do not be afraid. You are precious to me and I love you.'* If a shepherd cares for his sheep with great love and devotion, how much more does Jesus love and care for each of us?

As we continue our journey through Easter in preparation for the celebration of Pentecost, may each of us realise how deeply and personally Jesus loves us. When Jesus calls us by our name, may we answer in faith, gratitude and gratefulness. May we follow where he leads us.

Healing Mass: There will be a healing Mass on **Friday 1st May 2026** at 7.30pm - everyone welcome.

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE will take place on **Saturday 6 June 2026**. In conjunction with the All Ireland Rosary Rally, we will join those gathered to celebrate at our National Eucharistic and Marian Shrine. For those for whom it is convenient, buses will leave St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, at 8:00am: cost £50, which includes dinner in Knock House Hotel following the conclusion of the Mass in the Basilica. For further information, please contact Karen in the parish office at St Eugene's on 027 7126 2894 or by email at cathedral@derrydiocese.org. Full schedule to follow.

IS GAMBLING AFFECTING YOUR LIFE? Perhaps we can help. Tel: 028 7135 1329.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD: Have you been affected or hurt by abortion? If so, please contact Michelle on 07871765181.

The Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead will take place in the City Cemetery on Sunday, **7th June at 3.00 pm**

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



Lexie Bonner Circular Road

May his soul experience the everlasting love and mercy of God

Last Week's Collection: £1825 Parish Development £730
Standing Orders £147 Thank you for your continued support and generosity

Prayer for Vocations: The Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday, is a Day of Prayer for Vocations. We thank God for those He has called, and is calling, to diocesan priesthood, and we pray that many more will respond to that call to become spiritual guides and shepherds to the people of God in our time.

The Columban Young Adults is a new group for those aged 18 - 30 in the diocese, seeking a community of like-minded young adults who have Christ at the centre of their lives. The first event will be a talk on **Thursday 30 April, at 7:30pm** in our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, Derry, delivered by the Servant Sisters of Home of the Mother. It will be on the question, 'Why be a Young Catholic in 2026', in which they will also reflect on the life of Sr. Clare Crockett. The talk will be followed by Solemn Benediction and light refreshments.

ENCOUNTER WEEKEND DONEGAL, Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. 6.00pm - 10.30pm **Friday 5th June.** 9.00am - 10.30pm. **Saturday 6th June.** Expect to experience the presence of God through the celebration of the Sacraments, Spirit-led worship, inspiring talks, healing service, and fellowship. Come and be refreshed and empowered by the Holy Spirit and learn from the Saints how to live the lifestyle God intended you to live. Keynote Speakers: Patrick Reis: co-founder and Executive Director of Encounter Ministries USA & Fr. Patrick Gonyeau who serves with the U.S. Province of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in Ohio. Bookings at <https://encounterschoolofministrydonegal.regfox.com/encounter-conference-donegal> For more info, email donegal@encounterschool.org.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Derry Diocesan Trust - Temporary Administrative & Financial Officer (15 Hours per week), parish of Urney & Castlefin, Co Donegal, based in the Parochial House in Doneyloop. For application packs please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone 028 7126 2302 or email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email to recruitment@derrydiocese.org no later than **12 noon Thursday 7th May 2026**. *Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer.*