

Children's Corner

Fr Daniel would like the children to learn the Mass responses

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **Amen**

Priest: The Lord be with you

Response: And with your Spirit

Priest: Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

Response: Lord have mercy
Response: Christ have mercy
Response: Lord have mercy

End of 1st and 2nd Readings

Response: Thanks be to God

Beginning of the Gospel

Response: Glory to You O Lord

End of the Gospel

Response: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

Blessing of the Gifts

Response: Blessed be God forever

Priest: Lift up your hearts

Response: We lift them up to the Lord

Priest: Let us give thanks
to the Lord our God

Response: it is right and just

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,
Him who takes away the
sins of the world.
Blessed are those called
to the supper of the Lamb.

Response: Lord I am not worthy behold
that you should enter under my roof
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed

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)

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

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

HOLY DAY MASS

as announced

WEEK DAY MASS

Monday-Saturday 10.00 am
Tuesday & Friday 7.30 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

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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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3rd May 2026

5th Sunday of Easter



Today's Gospel acclamation speaks for the entire Gospel. It reads: 'Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'

When Jesus spoke to the disciples about going to prepare the way, they no doubt thought that he was going to come back very soon. But all the same, it was as though he spoke in a riddle. He said that they know the way to the place he is going. But they replied that they do not know the way. Jesus' reply follows on from Good Shepherd Sunday in which he explains in the Gospel that he is the

gateway. The way is not a road or a map. It is Jesus himself who is the way. And so, like the disciples, we are waiting. Yet we wait for him whilst also being in his presence.

We may not always feel it, but we have the gift of being by his side. If only we turn and recognise that he is there. He, our way, our truth, our life, is a constant companion, holding us in the palm of his hand. Let us come to him today as though for the first time, thanking him for his presence in our lives, and dedicating ourselves to him.

Parish Draw: we congratulate the winners of last weeks Parish Draw

1st Prize £1000	Seaneen Toland	Ticket No. 87
2nd Prize £500	Emmett Harkin	Ticket No. 304
3rd Prize £250	Emmett Kelly	Ticket No. 329

The next draw will take place on **Saturday 30th May 2026**

A Marian Evening of Prayer will be held here, in **St Mary's Church, Creggan**, on **Wednesday, 13 May** (Feast of Our Lady of Fatima). The event is hosted by Derry Youth Ministry, who are preparing for their diocesan pilgrimage to Fatima in August of this year. The night will begin at **7:00pm** with a rosary procession (outdoors, weather permitting), followed by a short talk on Our Lady and the Eucharist, Adoration, and Benediction. Music will be provided by the Diocesan Youth music group, with refreshments following in the community room. All ages welcome! Contact Bethany at bethany.doherty@derrydiocese.org for more details.

Prayer for Vocations: Our first reading tells the story of the selection of the first seven deacons. We pray for those recently, or soon to be, ordained to the Diaconate. Here in the Diocese of Derry we pray God's blessing on Deacon Stephen Baxter who will be ordained to the priesthood on 14 June, that the Lord will bless him in his future ministry.

Special Offer: Pilgrimage to Lourdes from **3rd until 8th July, 2026**. Flights from Derry and full board £899. Contact Maria at 02881648357 or WhatsApp 07768 395038 for further details.

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



Martin Mullan formerly Malin Gardens

May his soul experience the everlasting love and mercy of God

Recent Baptisms: *We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism*
Cadén Terence Hamilton and Zach James Starrett



Last Week's Collection: £1726 Parish Development £667
Standing Orders £150 Thank you for your continued support and generosity

The Little Way Novena in St Eugene's Cathedral – 9th May to 17th May: The theme is **'My peace consists in remaining little'**. The Novena will begin at the 7.30 pm Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick on Saturday, 9th May. Devotions and talk on Sunday, 10th May at 6.00 pm. Monday to Friday (11th to 15th May) Novena Masses at 6.30 am and 10.00 am each morning and an evening service with a guest speaker at 7.30 pm. Saturday, 16th May 10.00 am Mass for those who have died. The Novena will close on Sunday with blessing of the roses, 17th May at 3.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to St Eugene's Cathedral for this time of prayer and petition.

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE will take place on **Saturday 6 June 2026**. Fr Daniel will be attending the pilgrimage, if you would like to join him, please contact Karen in the parish office at St Eugene's on 027 7126 2894 or by email at cathedral@derrydiocese.org.

Sincere thanks from Sister Ann to all who contributed in any way to our Easter Missions Appeal, in aid of the poor in Kenya, India, Nigeria and Haiti. The total amount raised was £11,006 and €935. Thank you so much. May God reward and bless you once again for all your generosity.

Knock Pilgrimage to Pray for Peace in the Holy Land: People from all over Ireland are invited to Knock Shrine on **Saturday May 16**, for a special pilgrimage to pray for peace in the Holy Land. The pilgrimage – organised by the papal charity Aid to the Church in Need – will be led by Bishop William Shomali from Bethlehem. Bishop Shomali will offer a message of hope at 11am, and celebrate Mass at 3pm. All are welcome. More information at www.acnireland.org

DEEDS – Supporting the Carer Talk Series The Old Library Trust Healthy Living Centre, Central Drive, Creggan, on **Thursday 7th May 2026 at 7pm**. For further information or to register, please contact Eilish on **02871 373870** or email eilish@olt.ie.