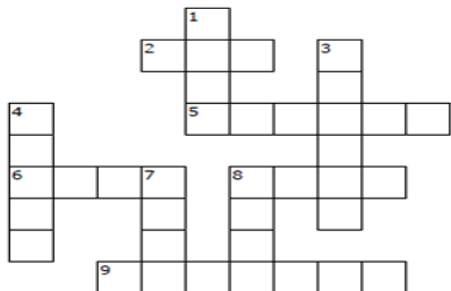


The Parable of the Sower

But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. Matthew 13:23a

Based on Matthew 13:1-8, 18-23 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. To put seeds in the ground so that plants will grow
5. Small, sharp, pointed growths on the stem of a plant
6. Plants such as grain, vegetables, or fruit grown by farmers
8. A small, usually hard part of a plant from which a new plant can grow
9. Not deep

DOWN

1. The part of a plant which grows down into the earth
3. A person who owns or takes care of a farm
4. Covered with stones
7. A way made by or for people walking on the ground
8. The upper layer of earth that may be dug or plowed and in which plants grow

PATH	CROP	SOIL	THORNS	ROOT
SHALLOW	FARMER	SEED	SOW	ROCKY

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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.cregganchapel.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)

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

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Today we reflect on the power of God's Word. The first reading, from Isaiah, is a wonderfully beautiful description of the power of God's word, using the comparison with the rain and the snow and their effect upon our earth. So also God's Word can transform this world if we allow it to do so by becoming true servants of the Word.

The first part of today's Gospel is simply that the Word of God brings an incredible harvest, in spite of all of the lost seeds, the seeds that don't grow, the seeds that grow and then die. Normal sowing of seed would yield perhaps a harvest seven to ten times as much as the

seed—at least some think that. To have a harvest of thirty, sixty or a hundred-fold is incredible and shows the miraculous power of God's Word. Remaining faithful to the Word of God implies that even if no one listens to us, even if our Church gets smaller and smaller, we simply strive to live the Gospel in its fullness and strive to give our lives over to Jesus Christ.

God Himself will bring the harvest. God will make the Word fruitful. God will transform the world. So today God invites us to give ourselves over as servants of the Word for the sake of the Kingdom. God invites us to proclaim our faith and to trust that the divine presence will bring about all that is truly needed in our world. That takes a lot of faith! Will we trust in God?

St Mary's Bible Study Group in the Divine Mercy Chapel from 6-7pm every Wednesday, followed by the Rosary. Everyone welcome.

Prayer for Vocations: We pray for the men called to serve the Church as priests of our diocese, that their hearts will be the fertile soil Jesus needs to receive the seed which is His Word, and that they will spread His Word, His Good News, by their preaching and by the example of their lives.

DIOCESE OF DERRY LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE: The Diocese of Derry Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg will take place from Friday **24 July to Sunday 26 July**. A bus will travel from St Eugene's Cathedral, via Strabane and Lifford. Cost: £95 / €110 including bus transport. Booking form and full details available at: derrydiocese/lough-derg

OUR LADY OF MONTLIGEON PRAYER GROUP- praying for all the souls in Purgatory meets in Termonbacca, on the last Wednesday each month at 12:30pm. Also in St Joseph's Church Galliagh every Monday after 11am Mass

RACHEL'S VINEYARD: Have you been hurt by abortion? Tel Michelle 07871765181.

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



Kathleen McCauley
Patricia (Pat) Curran
Daithi Curtis
Sally Doherty
Sean McCarron

Carrickreagh Gardens
Ernest Street
Ardnamoyle Park
Ramore Gardens
Died in Grimsby, England

May their souls experience the everlasting love and mercy of God

Recent Baptisms: *We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism*

Sophia Bella Quigley, James Joseph Mellon, Thea Mary Martina Friel,
Paul Anthony O'Kane and Béara Joe Curran



Last Week's Priest Collection : £2150 Parish Development £601
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"Youth 2000 Summer Festival | 13th–16th August Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland."

The annual Pioneer pilgrimage Mass at Knock Shrine will be celebrated in the Basilica at 3pm next **Sunday 19 July 2026**. Pioneers extend a welcome to families and relatives of people who are undergoing treatment for addiction at this time. Further information from Fr Robert: prayer@pioneers.ie

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS: Is gambling affecting your life? We would like to help. Pick up the phone and ring 028 7135 1329.

Al Anon: Contact the confidential helpline on 0800 0086 811 or email helpline@al-anonuk.org.uk. Alternatively, tel 028 9068 2368

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