

Parable of the Hidden Treasure

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P O W E D M V L T P C R M O S N B T
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D E R Q A D Q B H C P B T I J D O C
J S Y W J P H E E W D W R N D W G F
T U G Z Q H A A A M Z J E G H I O H
M S V J D P L W V Y L K A D X L D K
C K H I D D E N E E F M S O J F N Z
N E A C F U F S N Y R F U M P O K T
G G G H F B U I I R H I R U D W Y J
S A L V A T I O N U X S E W T E R M
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Hidden
Treasure
Kingdom
Heaven
Field

Salvation
Jesus
Joy
God



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.creggan.chapel.com or www.churchservies.tv/creggan.

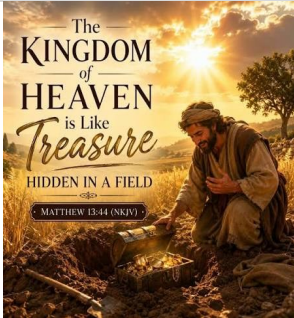
If you have any difficulty accessing the webcam, please contact the parish office on 028 7126 3152 or email stmaryscreggan@derrydiocese.org.

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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In the gospel today we read the three kingdom parables, namely: the hidden treasure, the pearl of great price, and the fishing net. They all speak of the truth that the Kingdom of God is the only thing that matters in life. All other things are secondary. Take note of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price. Everything has to be given up in exchange for it. On the other hand, the fishing net parable tells us that in the end, only what is good is kept. The rest is thrown away and burned.

Yet the Kingdom of God is not just about the “end”. Although we know that the greatest promise of Jesus is eternal life, it doesn’t mean we can’t experience the Kingdom of God in the here and now. In fact, Jesus Himself said that the Kingdom of God is at hand (Matthew 4:17). We can start to be part of it today. Jesus has already inaugurated it though it will have its full blossoming when He comes back.

Fr Daniel wishes to acknowledge with thanks a donation of £80 towards flowers

St Mary’s Bible Study Group in the Divine Mercy Chapel from **4-5pm** each Wednesday. (please note the change of time) Everyone welcome.

Prayer for Vocations: For the men called to priesthood, that they will have the wisdom of Solomon (First Reading) as they guide God’s people to find and value the treasure which is belonging to the Kingdom of God (Gospel) and building it up as a Kingdom of Justice, Love, and Peace.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, established by Pope Francis in 2021, is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of July, and offers an opportunity to bring the Church closer to the elderly and to acknowledge their contribution to families and communities. This year, the date coincides with the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, **Sunday 26 July**, and the Holy Father invites us to celebrate the Day with a Eucharistic liturgy in the Cathedral Church of each diocese.

“I will never forget you” (Is 49:15) is the theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV for the Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which seeks to emphasize how God’s love for every person is never lacking, even in the fragility of old age.

Taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah, the chosen verse is intended to be a message of consolation and hope for all grandparents and the elderly, especially those who live in solitude or who feel forgotten. At the same time, it is a reminder to families and ecclesial communities not to forget them, recognizing in them a valuable presence and a blessing.

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



Michelle Quinn (nee McCallion) formerly High Park
John Doherty Noreen Walk
Daniel Henderson Culmore Manor

May their souls experience the everlasting love and mercy of God

Recent Baptisms: *We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism*
Theo Jack McLaughlin & Rio Gillespie



Last Week’s Priest Collection : £ 1642 Parish Development £571
Standing Orders £150 Thank you for your continued support and generosity

"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."

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

Accord Derry Marriage Preparation Workshops September 25th/26th 2026
November 20th/21st 2026 Booking at www.accordni.com

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

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

ATU St Angela's is inviting applications for the following programme beginning Autumn 2026: **Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education for Primary School, with Online Delivery.** The programme is open to: Qualified primary school teachers; Qualified post-primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious education may also apply. Closing date for Applications is Friday **14 August 2026.** For further information contact Mary Kearns, Senior Administrator, Education Department, ATU St Angelas, Lough Gill, Sligo Email mary.kearns@atu.ie or visit Website: www.atu.ie