



Dear Jesus,
 Thank you for loving us and showing us how to follow you.
 Help us to remember your words: "Take up your cross and follow me." When things are difficult, give us courage. When we are tempted to think only about ourselves, help us to be kind and generous. When we make mistakes, help us to say sorry and try again. Teach us to listen to your voice, to care for our family and friends, to help those who are lonely or in need, and to choose what is good and right.
 Jesus, help us to trust God's plan for us and to follow you each day with happy hearts. **Amen.**

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.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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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

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

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

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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Fr. Ignacy Saniuta CC

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In today's Gospel, Jesus begins to explain to his disciples that his journey will lead to Jerusalem, where he will suffer and die before being raised again. Peter finds this difficult to accept. He wants Jesus to be safe and successful, but Jesus reminds him that God's ways are not always our ways.

Jesus then gives us one of the most challenging teachings of the Gospel: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Taking up our cross does not mean that we should go looking for suffering. Rather, it means remaining faithful to Christ when life becomes difficult. It can mean patiently caring for a loved one, forgiving someone who has hurt us, standing up for what is right, or simply continuing to trust God when we cannot see what lies ahead. St Paul gives us a similar message in the second reading when he asks us not to be shaped by the values of the world, but to allow God to renew our minds and hearts.

As summer draws to a close and we prepare to return to the ordinary routines of work, school and parish life, perhaps this Gospel gives us a simple question to carry with us:

Am I following my own plans, or am I willing to let God lead me?

Following Jesus is not always the easiest road, but it is the road that leads to true life. When we place our lives in God's hands, even our crosses can become places where we discover his love, strength and grace.

Eucharistic Adoration

We are pleased to announce that **Eucharistic Adoration will resume from 1 September**.

Adoration will be available in the Parish at the following times:

Sunday 1.30pm to 6pm

Monday: 10:00am–7pm

Tuesday to Saturday: 10:00am–12:00pm

Tuesday evening: 8:00pm–9:00pm

Adoration sign-up sheets will be available in the Parish for parishioners who would like to commit to spending time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

We encourage parishioners to sign up and support this important ministry of prayer and worship. **All are welcome.**

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

Freya Lily Deery-Doherty, Éire Margo McDaid,
Éidin McCrudden,
Thomas Junior Fergus Kavanagh
and Esmé Olivia Doherty-McFadden



Last Week's Collection : £ 2018.00 Parish Development £450.00
Standing Orders £150 Thank you for your continued support and generosity
The Priests' collection will be taken up at all Masses this week-end.

Blessing of Bikers and Motorcycles will take place on **Sunday 13 September** in St Aengus' Chapel, Burt, Co Donegal, at 1:30. All are welcome to attend the brief service and blessing. Following the blessing all are welcome to join the run to Ned's Point RNLI Station, to present the donation to the RNLI. Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday 13 September** in St Patrick's Chapel, DUNGIVEN, at 11:30am for deceased bikers, especially those who have died in past year.

St Mary's Bible Study Group in the Divine Mercy Chapel from **4-5pm** each Wednesday. Everyone welcome.

Cancer Focus NI - Pink Colour Fun Run - Ebrington Square, 18th October 2026. Details available at www.cancerfocusni.org/foyle-pink-run

ST JOSEPH MEN'S CAMINO Every Camino changes us in ways we don't expect, every man needs one. Join men from across Ireland on **Saturday 12th September** for a 25km pilgrimage through the Boyne Valley, beginning in Drogheda. The day includes Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions, fraternity, lunch and dinner, with after-dinner speaker Fr. Mark Quinn. Open to men aged 18+. Cost: €65 (student € 55). Registration, accommodation and details: www.dominicans.ie/events. Enquiries: op.evangelisation@gmail.com.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group, Holy Family Chapel, Ballymagroarty will take place on **Tuesday 1 September 2026**. Starting with Rosary at 6.45pm before mass, celebration of holy mass at 7.15pm, then the priest will bless everyone with a first class relic of St. Pio, while closing prayers are recited. **EVERYONE WELCOME.**

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