

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS DURING THE PERIOD OF RESTRICTIONS

1. If you are showing any one of the symptoms of the virus - high temperature, persistent cough, lack of taste or smell or feeling unwell in any way - ***You should not come to Mass*** or leave your home.
2. Because social distancing has been reduced it is very important that ***everyone in the congregation is wearing a mask***. Please bring your own.
3. Please ***arrive at the Church at least 10 minutes before Mass begins*** to allow time for you to be seated safely.
4. On arrival at the church gates, it is essential that ***you follow the instructions of stewards***. Please enter by the door they instruct you to.
5. On arrival at Church door ***please use the hand gel*** and appropriately apply to your hands.
6. ***Follow the instructions of the usher to the seat allocated to you.*** It is vital that you go to this seat and not your "usual".
7. You will be asked for ***a contact phone number*** when seated.
8. Please try and be as reverent as possible in silence preparing spiritually for Mass.
9. Follow the instructions of the Steward for reception of Holy Communion, applying gel to your hands before reception.
Keep a social distance of 1 metre from the person in front of you.
10. At the end of Mass wait for instructions from the stewards, who will help you leave in a safe manner.
11. Bathroom facilities are available if necessary, on request. A steward will direct you to them. However, we ask, if possible, ***please use the facilities at home prior to arrival in the church.***

Families and a group of people from the one household will be seated in socially distanced groups in a Pew or group of seats.
Single seats will be available for those coming as individuals.

After the recent announcement from the NI Executive- the covid restrictions imposed on the numbers attending weddings and funerals have been lifted, so that the number attending in any particular church is "to be informed by a risk assessment for the venue".

After carrying out a thorough risk assessment, we have decided, the numbers that can safely attend a wedding/funeral in St. Mary's Creggan will now be doubled - a maximum of 50 people can now attend.

Parish of St. Mary CREGGAN

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SUNDAY MASS

Vigil (Saturday) 6.30pm
10.30am

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Tuesday & Friday 7.00pm - 7.20pm
Saturday After 10am Mass
5.30pm-6.20pm
(Before Vigil Mass)

HOLY DAY MASS

As announced

MARRIAGES

At least 3 months notice must be given to the Parish
Contact Parish Office to arrange Pre-Marriage
Preparation Course.

WEEK DAY MASS

Monday-Saturday 10.00am
Tuesday & Friday 7.30pm

BAPTISMS

Parents are expected to take part in our Parish Baptism
Preparation Programme. The dates are published in the
weekly newsletter. Baptisms can then be arranged any
Saturday at 3pm.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mondays after 10am Mass until 7pm.
(In the Divine Mercy Chapel)

Fr. Joseph Gormley PP

Fr Daniel McFaul CC

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THE TRUE VINE

When the rain begins to fall and the winds begin to blow
you will not be swept away, you will continue to grow.

For my vine reaches high towards the light,
and my roots delve deep into truth
and overflowing joy and love are produced within my fruit.

My Father is the gardener, He tends to every need.
He prunes each branch that do bear fruit and He severs every weed.

Stay in the vine and produce much fruit, to glorify His name;
apart from the vine a branch is nothing but fuel to feed the flame.

He loved me as a tiny seed, He nurtured each blossoming plant
He helped me to mature and grow from seed to fruit bearing branch.

Joshua Bowen



RECENT BAPTISMS

We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Amira Sarah Burke

JOIN US VIA THE WEBCAM:

To join us for the live streaming of all Masses via the webcam, log in to:
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.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS:

*“That Catholic mothers will abide in the Lord as branches on His vine,
cultivating in their children the desire to love Him in truth and action, especially
should He honour them with vocations to the priesthood or consecrated life.”*
We pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, especially for our
diocese. Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a priest, sister
or brother? Speak to your local priest or email Fr Christopher Ferguson,
Diocesan Director of Vocations at chris_j_ferguson@hotmail.com.

CELEBRATING MARY IN THE MONTH OF MAY

May is a very special month for the Church as we remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother. A full month is given over to Mary and during this month we are encouraged to honour Mary in different ways. To help parishes, families and schools to do this, the Diocesan Catechetical Centre has created a number of resources including prayers, Gospel reflections, colouring and craft activities, examples of May Altars and ideas on how to pray the Rosary.

These resources are available on line at:

catecheticalcentre.org/category/celebrating-mary-in-the-month-of-may-2021/

In our parish this weekend we are inviting you to take home a pack consisting of a picture of Mary and a pair of rosary beads for your May Altar. For the first week of May, on Thursday (all day) we are inviting you to make a pilgrimage from your home to St. Mary’s Church when you can pray the Memorare, light a candle at Mary’s altar and take a candle home with you for your May Altar. Then as a family we invite you to pray the Rosary together—or even a decade of the Rosary. ***Mary, Queen of the Family, pray for us.***

DIocese OF DERRY ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY

The Diocese has launched a consultative plan about climate change and the environment and is inviting everyone within the Diocese to read, engage and respond to it. The plan identifies actions and behaviours that support rather than destroy the environment. The suggestions cover areas as land, buildings, energy, food travel and waste.

A draft has been posted on the Diocesan website to view or download at www.derrydiocese.org. In order to ensure it is as helpful as possible to various parish communities we would appreciate any constructive feedback on it that you may wish to give. ***You are invited to:*** (1) Read and give feedback on aspects you think could be improved. (2) Begin to implement any aspect you feel could be put into practice easily and quickly. (3) Encourage parish groups and individuals to give feedback on the strategy - especially schools and groups or individuals who have a particular interest in environmental issues.

Submission deadline for comments: Monday 31 May 2021.

Please submit your comments, suggestions or questions to Patricia McCormack. Telephone 077 1190 0420 or email: laudatosiderry@gmail.com

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS:

Will take place in conjunction with 7.30pm Holy Mass in the Sacred Heart Church, Omagh. Join via the webcam at drumraghparish.com. Thursday 6 May: “The New Life” - Bishop Donal McKeown.

POPE’S INTENTIONS FOR MAY

Universal-the world of finance: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.