

## 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.

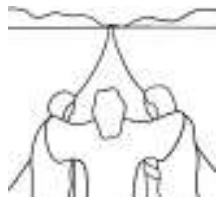
### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

Fr. Joseph Gormley PP

Fr Daniel McFaul CC

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*“The disciples told their story of what happened on the road”* is the line that opens today’s gospel. Their story was about their Emmaus of two seven mile journeys.

The walk to Emmaus outlines a spiritual journey from not recognising Jesus, to understanding scripture and recognising Him for who He is; and then to give witness.

At times in our lives we may hear and experience God’s truth from relatives, friends, priests, teachers and speakers. We can very easily reject this message if it disturbs us; with the possibility of having to make changes in our life: our attitude, belief and behaviour. Who hasn’t said: “Who does she think she is?” or “Who left him in charge?”

“Are we still walking the road to Emmaus, unaware of the risen Christ near us - in the face of the poor, the stranger, the lonely, the homeless, the worried, the refugee?” (Kevin Ryan, Catholic University of America)

***Let us walk on today’s Emmaus roads to accompany those who have doubts in their hearts. Let us listen more carefully to the thoughtful voices around us - see God’s truth and respond with warmth and love.***

**RECENT BAPTISMS:** *We welcome thorough the Sacrament of Baptism...*

Kelsie Devine, Everleigh White and Oscar Michael Nash.

**RECENT DEATHS:** *We pray for the families of* Niall Doherty of Dunree Gardens, Margaret Quigley of Magherafelt and Seamus Quigley of Drummard Park.

*May they rest in peace.*

**THANK YOU!** Fr Joe is most sincerely thankful for your kind generosity, which enabled the parish to purchase flowers, vestments, altar linen and the statues of St. Pope John Paul II and St. Faustina for the Divine Mercy Chapel.

**AN EVENT TO REMEMBER:** We were delighted to welcome Bishop McKeown to Creggan last Sunday, on the Feast of the Divine Mercy, to bless our new statues.

**TROCAIRE RETURNS:** We would be grateful if you could return any remaining Trocaire boxes to the container in the Church. You can also donate online at [www.trocaire.org/donate](http://www.trocaire.org/donate) or via NI freephone number 0800 912 1200, or online banking - Trocaire: Sort Code: 93.80.92 and Account No: 8822 7020.

**JOIN US VIA THE WEBCAM:** To join us for the live streaming of all Masses via the webcam, log in to: [www.cregganchapel.com](http://www.cregganchapel.com) or [www.churchservices.tv/creggan](http://www.churchservices.tv/creggan). If you have any difficulty accessing the webcam, please contact the parish office on 028 7126 3152 or email [stmaryscreggan@derrydiocese.org](mailto:stmaryscreggan@derrydiocese.org).

**FOLLOW US FACEBOOK:** Keep informed about all that is happening in the life of our parish @ St Mary’s Parish Creggan

**POPE FRANCIS TWEETS:** *“Jesus is the Risen One, the Lord who passed through death in order to lead us to safety. Even before we begin to seek Him, He is present beside us. He lifts us back up after our falls. He helps us grow in faith.”*

**ANNUAL DERRY DIOCESAN VOCATIONS WEEK: 17-25 APRIL 2021**

Beginning on Saturday 17 April through to Good Shepherd Sunday, 25 April; this years theme is based on *“Patris Corde”* (With a Father’s Heart), Pope Francis’ recent publication for the year of St. Joseph. Parishioners are encouraged to participate in the schedule of daily prayer and Mass, as well as devotional reflections based on the Angelus, Daily Examen and the Mysteries of the Rosary. These resources are available online at [derrydiocese.org](http://derrydiocese.org).

On the evenings of 19-23 April at 7pm, Bishop Donal will host a series of 20 minute interviews with guests from throughout the diocese discussing how they have answered God’s call to vocation. This will be followed by celebration of the daily Examen, 8pm evening Mass and Rosary; concluding with night prayer.

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS:**

*“For an increased awareness among our young people of the closeness of the Lord in their vocation discernment and their responsibility to recognise and follow Him.”*

“We can be sure we know God only by keeping his commandments” Jesus makes Himself known to you through the vocation He chose for you.

Do you hear the call to the priesthood or consecrated life? Speak to your local priest or email Fr Christopher Ferguson, Diocesan Director of Vocations at [chris\\_j\\_ferguson@hotmail.com](mailto:chris_j_ferguson@hotmail.com).

**IN CONVERSATION WITH SR. NATHALIE BECQUART**

Sr. Natalie Becquart will join the Catholic Chaplaincy at QUB live from Rome next Wednesday, 21 April, at 7pm. Sr. Natalie was appointed as undersecretary to the Synod of Bishops by Pope Francis earlier this year, becoming the first woman to hold this position in Church history. This online event is organised and facilitated by Blest, Chaplaincy’s new group for women students. Everyone is welcome to join the student-led conversation. Zoom ID: 89575216842. Passcode: Synod21

**KEEPING UP THE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE YOUTH OF DERRY DIOCESE**

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Team are hosting a series of webinars covering some of the issues young people are struggling with today, e.g. Where do young people fit in the Church and how to have a meaningful relationship with Jesus. Each webinar is broadcast live on Derry Youth Facebook page and everyone is welcome. The webinar continues on 21 and 28 April at 7pm.

Wednesday 21 April: Theme is *Compassion*. Guest speakers will be Fr. John Farren and representatives from the Clarendon Night Shelter, Derry.

**CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS FOR THE LEGION OF MARY**

As part of the centenary celebrations, there will be a special Mass for the Legionaries of the diocese live-streamed from St. Theresa’s Church, Sion Mills on Wednesday 28 April at 7pm. Unfortunately due to Covid-19 restrictions, you are invited to participate in this Mass via the webcam on <http://melmountparish.com/sionwebcam.html>.