

## 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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## World Day of Prayer For Vocations

25 April 2021

### DERRY DIOCESAN VOCATION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, gentle shepherd, you know your sheep, and you know how to reach their hearts.

Give to the people of the Diocese of Derry hearts that are open to the call of the Holy Spirit.

Speak to the hearts of the (young) men of our diocese that they may hear your call to follow you and serve your people as priests.

Awaken in them the courage to answer

*“Here I am, Lord, Send me.”*

St Eugene, pray for us.

St Columba, pray for us.

St John Vianney, pray for us.



### PRAYER TO KNOW ONE'S VOCATION

Lord, my God and my loving Father, you have made me to know you and to love you, to serve you, and thereby to find and to fulfil my deepest longings.

I know that you are in all things, and that every path can lead me to you. But of them all, there is one especially by which you want me to come to you.

Since I will do what you want of me, I pray you, send your Holy Spirit to me:

*into my mind, to show what you want of me; into my heart to give me the determination to do it, and to do it with all my love, with all my mind, and with all of my strength right to the end.* Jesus, I trust in you. Amen.

### RECENT BAPTISMS

*We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism:*

Molly Brady and Ophelia Dore McEleney

### RECENT WEDDINGS

*We congratulate* Nicole Laura Bonner and Gareth Ian Irvine.

*May the grace of the Sacrament remain with them all their lives.*

### RECENT DEATHS

*We pray for the families of* Seamus Quigley Drumard Park, Mary Ann Meenan Rathlin Drive, Frankie McCauley Rathkeele Way, Michael Friel Central Drive, Eilish Morris (nee Hegarty) Formerly Leenan Gardens and Las Vegas, Rose O'Hagan Brickfield Court.

*May their souls experience the everlasting love and mercy of God.*

**VOCATIONS:** *“On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations we pray for all those called to lay down their lives as priests, deacons, and in the consecrated life, that they will be faithful witnesses to the Good Shepherd in our midst.”* We pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, especially for our diocese. If you are considering such a vocation 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).

**KEEPING UP THE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE YOUTH OF DERRY DIOCESE :** The Diocesan Youth Ministry Team are hosting a webinar covering some of the issues young people are struggling with, which will be broadcast live on Wednesday 28 April at 7pm on Derry Youth Facebook page. *Theme is “You are the now of God”.* Guest speakers will be Elam Walsh, Donal Walsh #LiveLife Foundation and Bishop Donal McKeown.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS:** Will take place in conjunction with 7.30pm Holy Mass in the Sacred Heart Church, Omagh every Thursday for the next 6 weeks. Join via the webcam at [drumraghparish.com](http://drumraghparish.com). Thursday 29 April: *“Salvation” - Fr Joe Gormley. “Let him who is thirsty come; Let him who desires, Take the water of life without price”* Rev22:17.

**CARERS CONNECT:** This Free 8-week programme is for carers caring for someone with early-stage dementia or who are still able to engage well in activities. It is taught on Zoom and is bespoke to the carer and loved one they are caring for. Carers learn why activities and a schedule is important for those with dementia and are taught activities for their loved ones. Carers are supplied with resources for the course and a tablet and Wi-Fi support on loan is included. The programme timetable is set via the Support Workers with the carer around the carers' availability. Programme is due to start the week beginning 3 May. Phone DEEDS on 028 7137 3870 or visit [@DerryEngagingEmpoweringDementia](https://www.derrydiocese.org) for more information.

**THE DERRY DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL CENTRE, WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY, TWICKENHAM, OFFERS THE MASTERS IN CATHOLIC SCHOOL LEADERSHIP.** This post graduate degree is dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders and is an opportunity for those currently in leadership roles or those who aspire to be. The next intake will be Autumn 2021. For information contact 028 71264087 or email [tferry@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org).