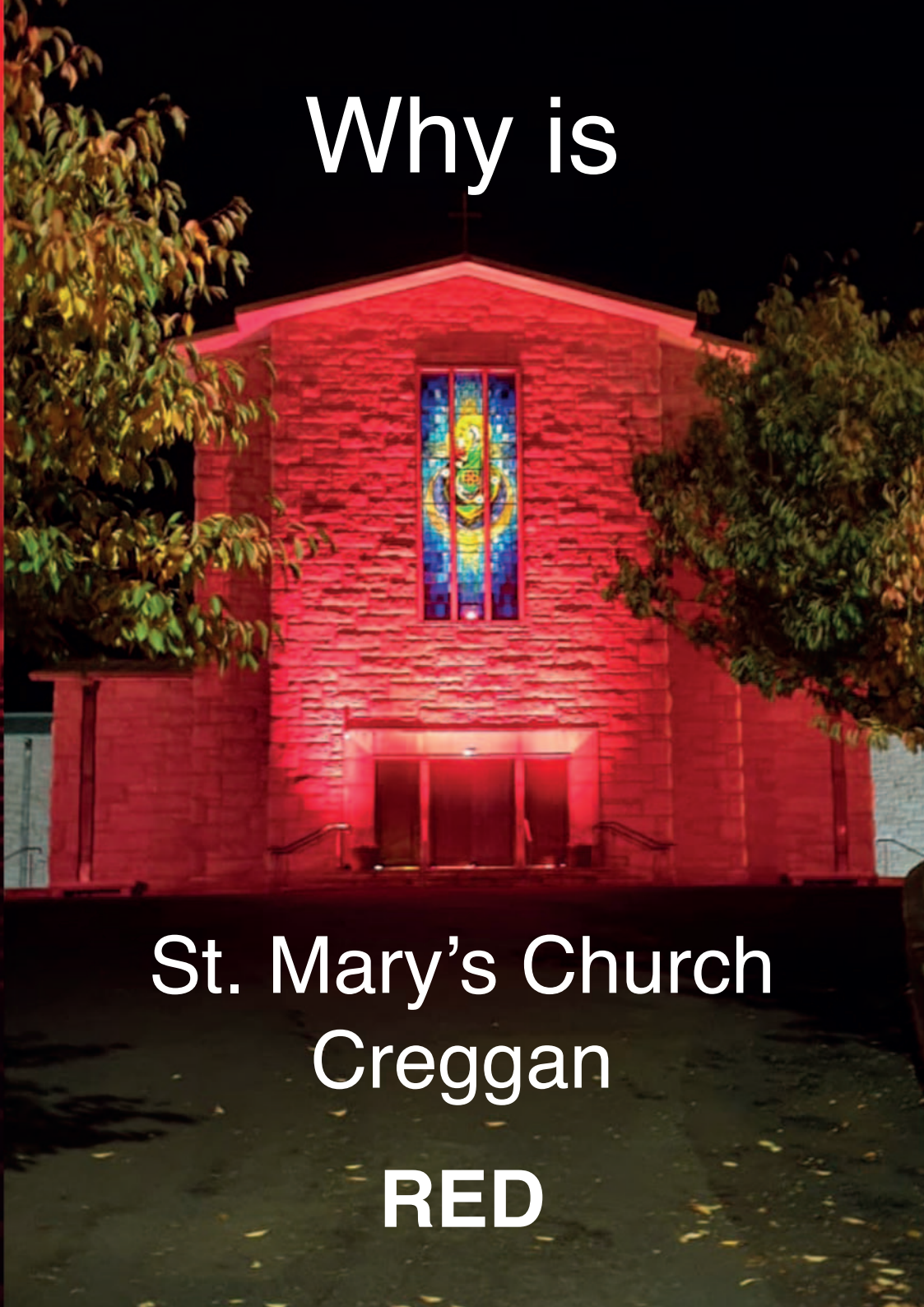




How to access the webcam: To access the live streaming of the Masses in St Marys Creggan; click on the google icon, type www.churchservices.tv/creggan scroll down until you see a picture of St Marys church. At the top of the picture click on the task bar St Mary's Church then click on the ► icon. If you have any difficulty Phone the parish office on **7126 3152**.

Why is



St. Mary's Church Creggan

RED

RED WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2020

On Monday 23rd November, Tuesday 24th November, and Wednesday 25th November 2020, our Church will be lit up red to highlight Red Wednesday.

This is a day when we recognise all those who are being persecuted for their Christian faith throughout the world. Christ's love witnessed in this way is the ultimate triumph of love over hate, good over evil.

Though in these times we are not physically attacked for our faith, Red Wednesday gives us an opportunity to turn to the love of Christ to free us from those persecutions of mind soul and body which we labour under. The Coronavirus pandemic is an obvious one at the minute.

Moreover, when we have not accepted the message of Christ's saving love we can persecute ourselves and others through addiction to alcohol, drugs, improper relationships and other sinful behaviours.

During these days we will pray, through the intercession of the Christian martyrs, firstly for those outwardly persecuted for their faith, and secondly for ourselves that through their intercession for us will enable us to be freed from our own interior persecutions.

PRAYER FOR OUR DEAD - THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church.1030)

In Purgatory, the Holy Souls are happier than we are, as they know, for certain, that they are going to heaven. Yet, because of attachment to sin and the harm caused by sin they want to be healed from all side effects of sin which prevent them from fully enjoying the presence and joy of God. They rely on us to pray for them so as to be **indulged in God's mercy** to heal them.

To pray a Plenary Indulgence for the Holy Souls during November; make a good confession during the month so as to be free from all attachment to sin, even venial sin. Then visit a church or cemetery to pray for the faithful departed, say one "Our Father" and "One Hail Mary" and the "Apostles Creed" for Pope Francis's intention and receive Holy Communion. To obtain a Plenary Indulgence during November if you are housebound :- pray at home as outlined above and make a firm intention to avail of confession and Holy communion when you can.

TIME OF PRAYER AND PREPARATION FOR RED WEDNESDAY

SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2020

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

- 6.30pm Vigil Saturday
1.30am Sunday
12.15pm Sunday
1.30 pm Eucharistic Blessing of Streets Upper Creggan
(Weather permitting. Please remain at the door of your home at time of blessing)
6.00pm Benediction

MONDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2020

- 10.00am Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS

- 1.30pm Mass for the Martyr St Cecilia with St Cecilia's College
1.30pm Eucharistic Blessing of Streets in Lower Creggan
(Weather permitting. Please remain at the door of your home at time of blessing)
3.pm - 6pm Confessions in Divine Mercy Chapel available
6.00pm Benediction and Talk on the persecution of Addiction.
7.30pm Fourth Parish Mass for the Dead

TUESDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2020

- 10.00am Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

PRAYER FOR HEALING FROM ADDICTIONS AND INTERIOR PERSECUTIONS

- 3pm - 6pm Confessions available in Divine Mercy Chapel
7:30pm Mass for Persecuted Christians

WEDNESDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2020 (RED WEDNESDAY)

- 10.00am Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS WITH VISUAL TESTIMONIES

- 6.00pm Rosary and Benediction