

ADVENT DIARY

Sunday 15 December	Advent Service (6 pm)*	St Mary's Church
Monday 16 December	St Finlough's School Carol Service (7 pm)	St Finlough's Church
Wednesday 18 December	Penance Service (7.30 pm)	Christ the King Church
Thursday 19 December	Parish Breakfast (7.30am-9.00am)	Drummond Hotel
Thursday 19 December	Penance Service (7 pm)	St Finlough's Church
Sunday 22 December	Carol Service (6 pm)	St Mary's Church

*Sunday Advent Services will incorporate exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Divine Chaplet and concluding with Benediction. It will be offered for family life in the parish.

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

Friday 20 December	After 10 am Mass
Sunday 22 December	4.30 pm (before Carol Service)
Monday 23 December	After 10 am Mass

Please Note: There will be NO Confessions on Christmas Eve

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE Fri 27 December at 2 pm - Mon 30 Dec at 4 pm. Inviting all young people (16+) to come and experience this 4 day special event at Congowes Wood College, Castlebrown, Clane, Co Kildare. Cost is 150 euro inclusive. For details contact: 00353 8790412, 003538706988, 003538634088/

DERRY DIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 28 July - 4 August 2020 for young people aged 16—18 years. Cost £599. Names and deposit of £100 due by 20 December. For more information or to book contact lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org or call 00 44 2871264087.

ST FINLOUGH'S—DRAW WINNERS £1,500 - Martin Mailey, £300 - Daneen Rice, £200 - Olivia McLaughlin. Thank you to anyone who supported us and took part in any of our events and draws.

GLACK HUT Santa will be arriving on Sunday 15 December from 5 pm - 7 pm.

COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITIES is a scheme within the Foyle Hospice are looking for volunteers to befriend someone who is experiencing isolation due to frailty or a life limiting illness. Induction sessions 13 & 20 January 2020. (both days must be attended. Contact Leann on 07841101932 or email leann@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com.

ACCORD DERRY MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOPS 17/18 January 2020, 21/22 February 2020, 27/28 March 2020 at Thornhill Ministries, Culmore Road, Derry. Booking now online at www.accord-ni-co.uk

LORETO COLLEGE CAROL SERVICE on Tues 17 Dec at 7.30 pm. Donations in aid of the Loreto Missions.

FAUSTINA: Love and Mercy Cinemas around Ireland are showing the film on 16 December.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES The Diocese in conjunction with Youthlink NI are offering training for young people aged 16 - 18 interested in Youth Work and Leadership Training. It will run over 3 days: Saturday 18 January, Sunday 2 February and Saturday 7 March in Maghera Pastoral Centre. The Diocese are also offering training for adults interested in Parish Pastoral Ministry. It will run over 5 Saturdays and few evenings beginning on Wednesday 4 March 6 pm - 9 pm in Maghera Pastoral Centre. If interested in either of these courses contact: Yvonne Rooney at email Yvonne.rooney@derrydiocese.org or Tel: 0044 2871264087.

BULLETIN NOTICES All notices MUST be either left at the Parish Office, Tel: 028 777 62522 or sent by email to: parishoflimavady@btinternet.com before a Wednesday at 1.00 pm.



Limavady Parish Bulletin

3rd Sunday of Advent

15 December 2019

MASS TIMES

ST MARY'S

Monday - Friday	-	10.00 am
Friday	-	7.30 pm
Sunday Morning	-	9.00 am, 11.00 am

CHRIST THE KING

Saturday Vigil	-	6.00 pm
Sunday	-	12.00 noon

ST FINLOUGH'S

Saturday Vigil	-	7.30 pm
Sunday Morning	-	10.00 am

CONFESSION TIMES

ST MARY'S	Friday	-	6.30 pm - 7.15 pm
CHRIST THE KING	Saturday	-	5.30 pm
ST FINLOUGH'S	Saturday	-	7.00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Thursday after the 10.00 am Mass - 8.00 pm in St Mary's Church.

Prayer Group

Every Tuesday at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Chapter Room. New members welcome.

Baptisms

St Finlough's Church Tel: 028 777 62522 **St Mary's Church**
All Baptisms will take place on Saturday afternoons by arrangement with the Parish Secretary

Weddings, Month's Mind Masses and Anniversary Masses

To book Weddings, Month's Mind Masses, Anniversary Masses, contact Janet at the Parish Office. Tel: 028 777 62522.
Any forms to be signed by the Priest can be left at the Parish Office and collected the next day.

Telephone Numbers

Mgr McCanny	028 777 29759
Fr Baker	028 777 62721
Parish Office	028 777 62522 (Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm)
	Email: parishoflimavady@btinternet.com
	Website: www.limavadyparish.org
	Facebook: facebook.com/limparish

Deaths

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of:
Mary McCann, 18 Bishop's Road, Limavady
Gerard Patton, 2 Riverview, Ballykelly
William Bryson, Terrydoo Road, Limavady
Oliver Doherty, Hampton, England
who died recently.

Month's Mind Mass

The Month's Mind Mass for **Charlie Feeney** will be celebrated on
Friday 20 December at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church.

Anniversaries

Dessie Doherty, John & Susan Donaghy, Patricia Commins, Hilda Shipman, Patrick & Lawrence O'Kane, Kathleen Kelly, Anthony McLaughlin, Paul McElhinney, Alice Lennon, Sarah Canning, Gretta Duffy, Eamon McCloskey, Eamon O'Kane, Michael O'Kane, Mary Lafferty, William James McClarey, Barney O'Kane, Michael Early, Dan McGuigan, George Cole, Rosaleen Marani

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

ANNIVERSARIES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CHRISTMAS BULLETIN As there will be **NO** parish bulletin on 29 December and 5 January, please submit names of those whose anniversaries occur on those weekends by Wednesday 18 December at 1.00 pm indicating which weekend the name should be included under. Names received after 1.00 pm on Wednesday 19 December will be included in the first bulletin after Christmas on 12 January. Thank you for your co-operation.

Baptisms

We welcome into the parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Grace Sarah Donaghy, Brodie Reece Charles Kelly

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY Holy Hour on Monday 16 December at 8 pm in the Drummond Hotel. Meeting on Tuesday 17 December after the 10 am Mass in St Mary's Chapter Room.

CAROL SERVICE Donation of Mince Pies and other goodies needed for Mulled Wine/Tea and Coffee in St Mary's after the Carol Service on Sunday 22 December. Please leave between 5 pm & 6 pm.

FAMINE BOX This year we have given £10,000 to Trocaire on your behalf. If there is anyone from the Parish working overseas for a Charity, please let us know through the Parish Office.

THORNHILL MINISTRIES Tuesday 17 December: **Advent Retreat** 9.30 am - 1.00 pm. (includes Mass and light lunch). Wednesday 18 December: **Reflection Morning** 9.30 am - 12.00 noon (includes Mass and light lunch). **Meditation Hour** 6.30 pm - 7.00 pm). Thursday 19 December: **Décor Workshop** 7.30 pm. Suggested offering £30. (includes all materials). Tel: 028 7135 1233 or thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org or www.thornhillministries.co.uk.

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2 - 7 July 2020 Applications are now being sought for the 2020 Youth Pilgrimage, from those who will be age 17 at time of travel. Forms can be requested through schools or directly from the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ, email: derry pilgrim@outlook.com. Gift vouchers for all pilgrims to the value of £ 25 or £50 can be ordered.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE RETREAT September 2020 8 days. Contact Thornhill Ministries 71 351233, or thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org or visit www.thornhillministries.co.uk.

PILGRIMAGE TO SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO 20 - 24 April 2020 £619 pps single room supplement £125 (limited availability). Accompanied by Spiritual Director. Tel: Marie: 0044 7799 11 2224 or Clare: 0044 7778 02 5587.

MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS A few years ago Pope Francis wrote: "The pace of consumption, waste and environmental change has so stretched the planet's capacity that our contemporary lifestyle, unsustainable as it is, can only precipitate catastrophes, such as those which even now occur in different areas of the world". (Laudato Si Encyclical)

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY

St Mary's	6.00 pm	Tony Glendinning, Paddy McKeown, Gerard McLaughlin
	7.30 pm	Sarah Archibald, Bridgeen Deehan, Jacqueline Toner
	9.00 am	Ann Hassan, Fiona Millar, Elizabeth O'Brien
	11.00 am	Bernie Mullan, George O'Doherty, Rosaleen Toner
Christ the King	6.00 pm	Angela Hamilton, Catherine Campbell, Noel McClarey, Luke Welsh Rush, Margaret Welsh Rush
	9.00 pm	Tony Karczewski, Janet McGahon, Martin Rafferty
		Patricia Somers, Geraldine White
	12.00 noon	Ronan Curley, Karen Deighan, Mary McCloskey, Liam O'Kane, Sean O'Neill
St Finlough's	9.00 pm	Susan Kerr
	10.00 am	Linda Rice

READERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY

St Mary's	6.00 pm	Majella Cooke
	7.30 pm	Anna Toner
	9.00 am	Jim Loughrey
	11.00 am	Mary Colhoun
Christ the King	6.00 pm	Kathy Gallagher, Niamh Murray
	9.00 pm	Marion McCloskey, John McCloskey
	12.00 noon	Laura McGillion, James McGuinness
St Finlough's	9.00 pm	Lucille Loughrey
	10.00 am	Martha McGee

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER Town Churches £3,550.34 Ballykelly £ 703.00

CHRISTMAS FAMILY APPEAL Each year the St Vincent de Paul Society and the Salvation Army organise the distribution of toys and gifts to help local families who are struggling at Christmas. If you would like to donate a **NEW** toy or gift suitable for a child up to age 16, they can be left at any of the collection points listed below, up until Friday 13 December. The Family Appeal has enabled hundreds of gifts to be distributed to needy families in the past. Please leave your gifts at Tesco, Gordons Chemists, Bank of Ireland or the Salvation Army Centre in Limavady before Friday 13 December. There will also be collection points in all the parish churches from 23 November - 16 December. All gifts must be received before this date.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS from the Parish Office, Gormley Pharmacy or any SVP member.

TROCAIRE GIFTS OF LOVE If you want to help make the world a better place this Christmas give a Trocaire Gift. Tel: 0800 912 1200, www.trocaire.org/gifts or from 50 King Street, Belfast BT1 6AD. Leaflets in church porches.

CHURCHES RESTORATION FUND Next draw on Monday 16 December at **7.00 pm** in St Mary's School. Collection times are: 10.30 am - 11.00 am in the Parish Office and **6.00 - 7.00 pm** in St Mary's School. **NB. Change of time for collection.**

NI CANCER - PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 19 - 24 May 2020. Cost £695 (price reduction for cancer patients). For information for booking form - Tel: 07933938981 or email mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk.

IMPORTANT DATES

Confirmation	Saturday 25 April 2020	Christ the King Church
First Holy Communion (Termoncanice)	Saturday 16 May 2020	Christ the King Church
First Holy Communion (Irish)	Saturday 23 May 2020	Christ the King Church
First Holy Communion (Ballykelly)	Saturday 30 May 2020	St Finlough's Church
First Holy Communion (St Finlough's)	Saturday 30 May 2020	St Finlough's Church
First Holy Communion (Integrated)	Saturday 6 June 2020	Christ the King Church