

First Christmas with Jesus

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below,
With tiny lights like heaven's stars, reflecting in the snow.
The sights are so spectacular, please wipe away that tear,
For I am spending Christmas time with Jesus Christ this year.
I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,
But the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas songs up here.
I have no words to tell you the joy their voices bring,
For it is really beyond compare to hear the angels sing.
I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart,
But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart.
So be happy for me my loved ones, you know I hold you dear,
And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.
I send a special gift from my heavenly home above,
I send you each a memory of my undying love.
For after all, love is a gift more precious than pure gold,
And was always most important in the stories Jesus told.
Please love and keep each other as my Father said to do,
For I can't count the blessings or love he has for each of you.
So have a happy and peaceful Christmas, and wipe away that tear,
And remember I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

Fr Tom Ryan (Author and Parish Priest)

READERS FOR JANUARY

St Mary's	9.00 am	Anna Toner, Desmond Lowry
	11.00 am	(5 January only) Jim Loughrey
	11.00 am	(Rest of January) Grammar School
Christ the King	6.00 pm	Fiona Hillick, Christine Boldman
	12.00 noon	Howard Wood, Leona Kealey

WEEKDAY READERS FOR JANUARY

Monday	Rose Kilburn	Wednesday	Geraldine Carlin	Friday 3 January	Karen McCloskey
Tuesday	Veronica Herron	Thursday	Maria Matthews	Rest of January	Termoncanice

COUNTERS FOR JANUARY Isobel McKeown, Marty Tierney, Veronica Herron, Vincent Devlin, Catherine Campbell, Kathleen Hart, Monica McLaughlin, Eileen Mullan

ALTAR SOCIETY FOR JANUARY

St Mary's - Mary Harron **Christ the King** - Pat Mullan

St Finlough's - Susan Kerr

CHURCHES RESTORATION FUND - DECEMBER WINNERS

£1,000	Melissa Deighan, c/o R Devlin	£100	Ann McClarey, c/o A McClarey
£100	Angela Begley, c/o J Toner	£100	D Lowry, c/o A Hassan
£100	Gavin Moran, c/o R McGrotty	£100	Ronnie Devlin, c/o R Devlin
Free Draw	Maggie Fleming	Collector's Prize	Geraldine Vowles

Next draw will take place on Monday 27 January in St Mary's School at 8.00 pm. Collection times: 10.30 am - 11.00 am in the Parish Office and 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm in St Mary's School.

PARISH BREAKFAST Thank you to all who attended and helped with the Parish Breakfast. Special thanks to Paddy O'Brien, Brian McNulty and the Drummond Hotel. £1,300 has been raised towards Parish Funds.

The next bulletin will be printed on weekend 12/13 January 2020 All notices should be sent to the Parish Office or emailed to: parishoflimavady@btinternet.com before 1.00 pm on Wednesday 8 January 2020

Limavady Parish Bulletin

4th Sunday of Advent

22 December 2019



With a deep sense of gratitude for your kindness, support and encouragement throughout the year.

Wishing you all a very blessed Christmas and a joyful and peaceful New Year.

Monsignor B McCanny
Father P Baker

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Deaths

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of:
Rosemary McGarvey, 88 Meadowvale Park, Limavady
Elizabeth Clarke, formerly Connell Street, Limavady
who died recently.

Month's Mind Mass

The Month's Mind Mass for **Sarah Trainor** will be celebrated on Friday 3 January at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church.
The Month's Mind Mass for **Mary McCann** will be celebrated on Saturday 4 January at 6.00 pm in Christ the King Church.
The Month's Mind Mass for **Margaret Mullan** will be celebrated on Sunday 5 January at 9.00 am in St Mary's Church.
The Month's Mind Mass for **Hugh Mullan** will be celebrated on Monday 6 January at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church.

First Anniversary Masses

The First Anniversary Mass for **Anna Brown** will be celebrated on Saturday 28 December at 6.00 pm in Christ the King Church.
The First Anniversary Mass for **Kevin Mullan** will be celebrated on Saturday 28 December at 7.30 pm in St Finlough's Church.
The First Anniversary Mass for **Thomas James (Jim) O'Connor** will be celebrated on Sunday 29 December at 9.00 am in St Mary's Church.
The First Anniversary Mass for **Mary Calwell** will be celebrated on Tuesday 31 December at 10.00 am in St Mary's Church.
The First Anniversary Mass for **Evelyn Donnelly** will be celebrated on Saturday 11 January at 6.00 pm in Christ the King Church.

Anniversaries

22 December: Margaret McLaughlin, Brigid Jane McGahon, Paddy Joe Mulhern, Helen (Billy) Hession, Ned Donnelly, Geraldine Connolly, Kevin Mullan, Jack Farrell, Harry Campbell, Helen McDonald, Charlie & Annie O'Hanlon, Alphonsus Hasson, Jeannie McCool, Rose, Patrick, Anthony, Sean jnr, Sean sen Convery, Helen Clarke, Willie & Josie O'Donnell, Kathleen Doherty, Jim Logue, Tommy Quinn, Thomas James (Jim) O'Connor, Paul McGuinness, Mary & Thomas McLaughlin, George & Margaret Harrigan, Eliabeth McLaughlin
29 December: Mary Calwell, Anna Brown, Gerard Hegarty, James & Mary Forrest, James McGrotty sen, Edward McCloskey, Alice Lenaghan, Susan (Susie) Hunt, Eddie McGuinness, Catherine McIvor
5 January: Lawrence Brolly, Hilary Woods, Michael O'Hara, Tillie McLaughlin, Anna McVeigh, Molly McGuinness, William Morrow, Robert Hassan, Harry Toner, William Boyce, Frank Gillick

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Thomas Sean Murray, Lydia Marion Mulhern, Meabh Rutherford

CAROL SERVICE will take place today (Sunday) at 6.00 pm in St Mary's Church. Please leave donations of Mince Pies and other goodies between 5 pm & 6 pm in St Mary's School.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION There will be **NO** Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday 26 December or Thursday 2 January. Adoration will resume again in St Mary's Church on Thursday 9 January after the 10 am Mass - 8 pm.

FIRST FRIDAY Mass on Friday 3 January at 10.00 am and 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY Monday 6 January is the Feast of the Epiphany and is a Holyday of Obligation. The Masses are as follows:

St Mary's Church 10.00 am and 7.30 pm

PLEASE REMEMBER ST VINCENT DE PAUL RED BOX Helpline No 07512 360 388

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christ the King Church	Christmas Eve Vigils	6.00 pm & 9.00 pm
	Christmas Day	12.00 noon
St Mary's Church	Christmas Eve Vigils:	6.00 pm & 7.30 pm
	Christmas Day	9.00 am & 11.00 am
St Finlough's Church	Christmas Eve Vigil:	9.00 pm
	Christmas Day:	10.00 am

MASSES FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 23 DECEMBER

St Mary's Church Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10.00 am
There will be **NO** 7.30 pm Mass on Friday 27 December in St Mary's Church.

MASSES FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 30 DECEMBER

St Mary's Church Monday - Friday 10.00 am
St Mary's Church Friday 7.30 pm

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
Christ the King	11.00 am	Bernie Mullan, George O'Doherty, Rosaleen Toner
	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
St Finlough's	12.00 noon	Ronan Curley, Karen Deighan, Mary McCloskey, Liam O'Kane, Sean O'Neill
	9.00 pm	Susan Kerr
	10.00 am	Linda Rice

READERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR JANUARY

St Mary's	9.00 am	Agnes Diamond, Maria Matthews, Marie Keown
	11.00 am	Julie Ann Burns, Mary Lennon, Marius Toner
Christ the King	6.00 pm	Tony Karczewski, John McCloskey, Leo McCloskey
		Mary McDermott, Nyomie McDermott
St Finlough's	12.00 noon	Patricia Somers, Kate McQuillan, Alison Mulhern
	7.30 pm	Vincent Loughrey
	10.00 am	Eamon McIvor

WEEKDAY EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR JANUARY

Monday	M Toner	Wednesday	M McVeigh	Friday	P O'Kane
Tuesday	N McClarey	Thursday	A Diamond		P Somers

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER Town Churches £3,641.02 Ballykelly £ 543.50