

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)

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR JANUARY

Christ the King	4.30 pm (Vigil)	John McCloskey, Leo McCloskey, Mary McDermott, Nyomie McKernan, Fiona Mullan
	9.00am	Mairead McNulty, Fiona Miller
	12.00 noon	Patricia Somers, Kate McQuillan, James McGuinness
St Mary's	10.30 am	Susan Hanna, Graeme Hartin
St Finlough's	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Vincent Loughrey, Linda Rice

WEEKDAY EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR JANUARY

Monday	V Loughrey, E Mullan
Tuesday	N McClarey, B Mullin
Wednesday	A Hamilton, M Trainor
Thursday	A Diamond, M Diamond
Friday	P Somers, J McCloskey

READERS FOR JANUARY

Christ the King	4.30 pm (Vigil)	Kathy Gallagher
	9.00 am	Maire O'Neill
	12.00 noon	Fionn McCann-Kennedy
St Mary's	10.30 am	Brendan Gormley
St Finlough's	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Gareth Peoples

WEEKDAY READERS JANUARY

Monday	Mary McCloskey
Tuesday	Gareth Peoples
Wednesday	Bridgeen Deighan
Thursday	Lauren Holland
Friday	Lawrence McCreanor

ALTAR SOCIETY FOR JANUARY

Christ the King - Kate McQuillan **St Mary's** - Mary Harron **St Finlough's** - Veronica Dunne

The Parish Office will reopen on Monday 8 January at 9.00 am.
The next bulletin will be printed weekend 13/14 January.
All notices should be in before 1 pm on Wednesday 10 January.

Please remember St Vincent de Paul Red Box. Helpline No: 07512360388

LIMAVADY PARISH BULLETIN

4th Sunday of Advent

24 December 2023



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

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

*Monsignor B McCanny
Father D Harkin*

In case of an emergency, please contact Mgr McCanny on 028 777 29759

Month's Mind Masses

The Month's Mind Mass for **Gerald Madden** will be celebrated on Sunday 24 December at 10.30 am in St Mary's Church.

The Month's Mind Mass for **Shaun Kealey** will be celebrated on Saturday 30 December at 4.30 pm in Christ the King Church.

The Month's Mind Mass for **Tracy McLaughlin** will be celebrated on Saturday 6 January at 6.00 pm in Christ the King Church.

First Anniversary Masses

The First Anniversary Mass for **Maoliosa Matthews** will be celebrated on Tuesday 26 December at 10.00 am in Christ the King Church.

The First Anniversary Mass for **Bridget Coyle** will be celebrated on Friday 5 January at 10.00 am in Christ the King Church.

The First Anniversary Mass for **William Edward (Eddie) McGee** will be celebrated on Saturday 6 January at 6.00 pm in St Finlough's Church.

Anniversaries

24 Dec: Fr Michael Mullan, Brigid Jane McGahon, Margaret McLaughlin, Ned, Thomas & Evelyn Donnelly, PJ Coady, Helen (Billie) Hession, Lawrence Mulgrew, Patrick Joseph Mulhern, Annie & Gerard Hegarty, Jack Farrell, Jane & George O'Brien, Susan & John McGrotty, Thomas James O'Connor, Sean Mackle, Phonsie Hasson, Charlie Canning, James Mulgrew, Gerald McWilliams, Paul Doherty nee McDermott, Eddie McGuinness, Maoliosa Matthews

31 Dec: Susan Mullan, Mary Calwell, James Forrest, Hilary Woods, Bridget Coyle, Molly McGuinness

7 Jan: Bernard O'Neill, Jean Karczewski, Liam Farrell, Rita & Jimmy McLaughlin

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Baptisms

We welcome into the parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Ethan James Nicell

WEEKLY ENVELOPE COLLECTION

If you wish to set up a Standing Order, please contact the parish office - 028 777 62522 between 9 am - 1 pm. Remember to write your name and envelope number on the Standing Order Form. Once again many thanks for your kindness and generosity.

COLLECTION Sunday 17 December: Weekly - £5,355.00

FIRST FRIDAY Friday 5 January is the First Friday. Mass will be celebrated in Christ the King Church at 10.00 am.

PARISHES OF BUNCRANA & LIMAVADY - TRIP TO TUSCANY 14 - 21 August 2024

1150 euro pps. Aer Lingus flights direct to Pisa staying for 7 nights in a 4-star hotel. Includes buffet breakfast and dinner each day; trips to Florence, Lucca, Pisa, and San Gimignano; all entrance fees; all coaching and tours; 10 kg luggage fees and all taxes.

To book contact the parish office: 028 777 62522 or email: parishoflimavady@btinternet.com. A non-refundable deposit of 300 euro per person will be required to secure your place.

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE 2024 6 - 13 June 2024. £799 per person sharing. (Contact Patricia 07743936548 or Anne 07784953408.

PARISH DRAW WINNERS - DECEMBER

£1,000 Patricia O'Kane, c/o G Mullan

£100 Ann Hassan, c/o A Hassan

£100 Lauren O'Kane, c/o J Herron

£100 Geraldine Hasson, c/o E Anderson

£100 Ann Kearney, c/o A Kearney

£100 John Gerard Toner, c/o P Toner

Collector's Prize Brigid McNickle

The next draw will take place on Mon 29 January in Bethany Community Centre at 8 pm. Collection from 6 - 8 pm.

PIONEERS around the world are invited to attend Mass next Wednesday 27 December and to prayerfully mark the 125th anniversary of the foundation of the Association in 1898. Mass and prayers will be live-streamed on that day at 10 am (Irish time) around the world via www.pioneerassociation.org.

PARISH BREAKFAST Thank you to everyone who attended the Parish Breakfast last Friday and for their generosity. £750 was given to St Vincent de Paul.

MARY'S MEALS - DOUBLE THE LOVE is keeping the promise of a daily school meal to over 2.4 million children in 18 countries. All donations up until 22 January 2024 will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1 million. Tel: 07394564065 or email: caoimhe.mccann@marysmeals.org.

LITURGICAL PROGRAMME FOR WEEK COMMENCING 26 DECEMBER

Tuesday 26 Dec - Friday 29 Dec	10.00 am	Mass:	Christ the King (streamed)
Saturday 30 December	4.30 pm	Vigil Mass:	Feast of the Holy Family in Christ the King (streamed)
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass:	Feast of the Holy Family in St Finlough's (streamed)
Sunday 31 December	9.00 am	Mass:	Christ the King
Feast of the Holy Family	10.30 am	Mass:	St Mary's (streamed)
	12 noon	Mass:	Christ the King

Readings for Feast of the Holy Family: Num 6:22-27. Ps 66:2-3, 5, 6, 8, R/ v2. Gal 4:4-7. Lk 2:16-21

LITURGICAL PROGRAMME FOR WEEK COMMENCING 1 JANUARY

Monday 1 January	10.00 am	Mass:	Mary Holy Mother of God Christ the King (streamed)
Tuesday 2 Jan - Thursday 4 Jan	10.00 am	Mass:	Christ the King (streamed)
Friday 5 January	10.00 am	Mass:	Christ the King (streamed)
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass:	Feast of the Epiphany in Christ the King (streamed)
	7.00 pm	Mass:	Feast of the Epiphany In St Finlough's (streamed)
Saturday 6 January	10.00 am	Mass:	Feast of the Epiphany in Christ the King (streamed)
	4.30 pm	Vigil Mass:	The Baptism of The Lord in Christ the King (streamed)
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass:	The Baptism of The Lord in St Finlough's (streamed)
Sunday 7 January	9.00 am	Mass:	Christ the King
The Baptism of The Lord	10.30 am	Mass:	St Mary's (streamed)
	12.00 noon	Mass:	Christ the King

Readings for The Baptism of Our Lord: Is 55:1-11. Ps Is 12:2-6, R/ v 6. Jn 5:1-9. Mk 1:7-11.

PRAYER BY TELEPHONE The Sisters of Mercy "Bethany" 34 Point Road, Dundalk welcome any person who may wish to request prayer especially during these difficult times. All requests are confidential. Tel: 00353 42 931602 9 am - 9 pm. One of the Sisters will be happy to listen and pray with you.