IRISH PILGRIMAGE TRUST - PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, Easter 2020 Applications are invited from / for young people (11 - 30 years) with a medical condition, physical disability, illness, learning disability, social or emotional need. Applications also invited for very seriously ill children under the age of 11, accompanied by a parent or a close relative. Those over 11 years travel without their family but are accompanied by experienced adult carers. Those participating have the opportunity to make new friends, increase their social skills and confidence. The Pilgrimage can also provide respite for parents / carers. The IPT covers the cost of those young people selected to travel. Contact Maureen Devine after 5.00 pm (00447717732550) or Mary Dunnion (0877962047) for further details and an application form. Closing date for applications is 31 October. More details can be found on www.irishpilgrimagetrust.ie. Volunteers, particularly male, are also required; training will be offered.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE starts on Friday 27 December at 2.00 pm and ends on Monday 30 December at 4.00 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/

TROCAIRE Frs Martin and Eugene O'Hagan of 'The Priests' and Derry soprano Margaret Keys will hold an Autumn gala concert in aid of Trocaire in Clonard Monastery, Belfast on Friday 15 November at 7.30 pm. Admission will be free by ticket with a suggested donation on the night of £10. To reserve tickets visit www.ev eventbrite.co.uk and search 'Trocaire Autumn Gala Concert, email infoni@trocaire.org or call 028 90808030.

CHURCHES RESTORATION FUND - OCTOBER DRAW WINNERS

£1,000	Eileen Mullan, c/o F Mullan	£100	Maire O'Brien, c/o A McCambridge
£100	A M Law, c/o A Hassan	£100	Melissa Deighan, c/o R Devlin
£100	Rose Corr, c/o A Kearney	£100	Emma Thompson, c/o Mgr McCanny

Collector's Prize Jim O'Hara

Next draw on Monday 25 November at 8.00 pm in St Mary's School. Collection times are: 10.30 am - 11.00 am in the Parish Office and 6.00 - 8.00 pm in St Mary's School.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL LIMAVADY are very grateful to everyone who contributed to their recent Tesco and Street Collections which raised a total of £1,497. Special thanks to the John Paul II students from St Mary's School and all our volunteer collectors. Thank you for helping us to help others.

ST FINLOUGH'S HALL - OPEN DAY on Saturday 9 November from 1 - 3 pm to show how much work has been done with money raised by our local community. Tea and biscuits.
Thank you to all who supported St Finlough's Hall Ladies Night. We raised a huge £5,350. This money will help us to continue our refurbishment.

PARISH NURSING LIMAVADY Please join your Parish Nurse for a healthy, all abilities walk on Wednesday 6 November from 9.30 am - 10.15 am starting at Limavady Methodist Church Hall. Parish nursing will also be available for BP checks or a chat afterwards. Contact Jennifer on 07926622210 for more information.

COULD YOU FOSTER? If you are interested in fostering, please contact 0800 0720 137 or visit www.adoptionandfostering.hscni.net.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Can't stop? There **is** a solution. Tel: AA or 028 90 351 222 or email esoofaa@btinternet.com or visit www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie.

RNIB (The Royal National Institute of Blind People) has secured funding to provide a full range of tailored one to one support, training and paid work placement for six Blind or Partially Sighted people to be supported into employment in your area. Contact: 02890 224103, 07845 499482, email Anne.Cahill@rnib.org.uk or visit rnib.org.uk/eyeworktoo.

FREE DROP-IN HEARING AID MAINTENANCE SUPPORT SESSION on Friday 8 November from 11 am - 12 noon in LCDI. Contact Mary Cruickshank: 028 71 320167 / mobile: 07918767640.

FOUND A pair of glasses in Christ the King Car Park after Mass on Thursday 31 October. Call at parish office.

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time **3 November 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:
Marie McCusker, 84 Meadowvale Park, Limavady
Mary Doherty, 5 Lowry Park, Limavady
Bridget McKenna, 114 Meadowvale Park, Limavady
Annette Austin, 20 Glenburn Way, Limavady
who died recently.

Month's Mind Masses

The Month's Mind Mass for **Thomas James Boyd** will be celebrated on Friday 8 November at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church.

Anniversaries

Tony O'Neill, Jimmy Lynch, Gerry Mullan, Brian McLaughlin, Elizabeth Guy, Josephine McLaughlin, Doreen McCann, Jean Kealey, Barbara Kelly, David Boucher, George & Anne Macdonald, Sarah McLaughlin, Charles & Mary Sweeney, William Barr, John Diamond, Norman Leahy, Bridie Doherty, Bridie & Stewart Murray, Rosemary O'Neill, Karen Thompson, Madge & Charles O'Neill, James Devine, William & Susan Lafferty, Brigid Murray, Pat Hunt, Vincent Brolly, Hugh & Terry McCann, Philomena Doran

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Baptisms

We welcome into the parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Heidi Harkin, Michael Joseph Salazar Brolly,
Ashton Shea Damien Connor, Darragh James Martin Crampton

COUNTERS FOR NOVEMBER Joe McGuigan, Columba Kerr, Paddy O'Kane, Brian McNulty, Maire O'Neill, Marian McCloskey, Bernadette McClean, Clare Fleming

HOLY FAMILY PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP will hold their monthly meeting in the Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty, Derry, on Tuesday 5 November, starting with Mass at 7.15 pm. There will be a 1st class relic at the meeting, and all are welcome.
David Doherty, who started the Prayer Group 13 years ago sadly passed away on 20 September. The Prayer Group will continue as normal on the first Tuesday of every month.

MATT TALBOT, FREEDOM FROM DRUGS MASS will be celebrated in St Eugene's Cathedral on Monday 4 November at 7.30 pm. This Mass is offered for those who are addicted to drugs and for their families. We pray that through the intercession of venerable Matt Talbot, people will be freed from this addiction. Prayer cards are available at the Mass. Email: Emmett.mullan@derrydiocese.org or ring St Eugene's Cathedral on 028 71 262894 for further information.

CARMELITE RETREAT CENTRE **Marian Devotions** on Tuesday 5 November at 7.30 pm.
Day Retreat for Senor Citizens And Their Friends: Thursday 7 November. Cost for the day £15 including meals. For bookings - contact 028 71 262512.
2-Day Retreat: Delivered by James Patrick Browne on Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 November. Registration at 9.30 am. Cost £15 per day or £30 for the two days. Anyone interested in staying overnight, the cost is £50 which includes the 2 days of the retreat.

OMAGH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Prayer & Renewal Day in the Mellon Hotel, Omagh on Sunday 10 November Registration from 9.00 am. Mass at 3.30 pm. Speaker: Fr Brendan Walsh. Booking essential. Tel: 07876411435 / 07596 609041 or email evelynheaney@hotmail.com.

FR JOSEPH K BILL RETREAT Given by Fr Anthony Saji V.C. 5 Day Silent Spiritual Renewal & Healing Retreat at Knock Shrine from 4 - 8 November. Contact Maeve on 07815319710 for details.

THE DEEP END
Zacchaeus

In today's Gospel we hear the familiar story of Zacchaeus. It is a story that may remind us of our childhood, our first confession, or, as in my case, it might bring a school song to mind that you can't get out of your head! As with all familiar Gospel stories, we are invited to read again with fresh eyes and hear again as if for the first time. For this story is very rich and we risk losing the meaning due to our familiarity with it.

Like many people today, Zacchaeus was a 'seeker'. We read that he was anxious to see what Jesus was like. Clearly, he was drawn to Jesus in some way, was searching for something or someone. Zacchaeus was an outcast, a tax collector, considered a sinner by the community. Yet Jesus reaches out to him in a gesture of hospitality and friendship. In return, Zacchaeus offers the strictest requirement, as noted in the Jewish scriptures, for restitution: 'four times the amount' of money he had taken from people. But notice that Jesus reaches out in love before Zacchaeus offers compensation for his crimes.

The encounter with Jesus has led Zacchaeus to be a witness to restoration and solidarity. He wants to restore justice where he has acted unjustly. Whether it was the crowd, greed, politics or corruption that was preventing Zacchaeus from seeing Jesus, he has been welcomed back to the table. Jesus is waiting to be invited to his home today. Complaints and negativity continue in the background, but none of that matters. This man is a 'son of Abraham'. It was the affection of Christ, not the condemnation of the town, that reversed the situation.

Who do you need to reach out to today in a similar way?

Jane Mellett *mellettj@gmail.com*

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER Town Churches £3,514.50 Ballykelly £598.00

THORNHILL MINISTRIES **Oasis Day:** Fr Paschal McDonnell offers a gentle day's reflection and meditation on 'Harvesting Experience's Wisdom' on Tuesday 5 November from 9.30 am - 2.15 pm. Booking essential. Suggested offering £20 (includes Eucharist and light lunch). Booking essential. Suggested donation £20. **Spiritual Reading Book Club:** Tuesday 19 November from 10.30 am - 11.45 am. Book of the month for November is 'A Cry is Heard' by John Vanier. Suggested offering £5. For more information or to register Tel: 028 7135 1233 or email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org or visit www.thornhillministries.co.uk

DIOCESE OF DERRY MISSION TEAM MEETING If you are interested in being part of our Diocesan Mission Team to promote and foster mission awareness at home and overseas, please come along and join us for our meeting on Tuesday 5 November at 7.00 pm in Ardstraw House, 21A Buncrana Road, Derry, next to St Columb's College. All are welcome including volunteers and missionaries who have worked overseas. For further information please contact Fr David O'Kane on 028 71337727.

THE YEAR LONG KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA AND SPUC PRO-LIFE ROSARY continues. The intention for November is "For all children whose lives were lost to abortion". Please take a small leaflet from the church entrance.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND in Dromantine, Newry from 15 - 17 November in the Lake Hotel, Killarney. Take a special weekend break together to boost and refresh your relationship. For more information or to book, visit www.marriageencounter.ie or call 07702812321 or 00 353 87 784 0408. Weekends are presented by Catholic Marriage Encounter, Ireland.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER ST VINCENT DE PAUL RED BOX Helpline No: 07512360388