St Vincent de Paul Society

Many people in poverty faced impossible choices this Christmas. The St Canice Conference of The Society of St Vincent de Paul helped ensure that people in our community didn't wake up to an empty Christmas. We would like to thank all our parishioners for generously supporting our Christmas fundraising appeal. Our annual Christmas appeal in December raised £9,160 through the red box, £14,000 of donations, £1,415 worth of vouchers, along with £100s worth of toys. Special thanks to Shirley Alcorn and the staff of The Salvation Army for their help with collecting and distributing the Family Appeal.

Further donations came from St Mary's School who assisted us with a very generous cheque for £2,000 enabling us to help needy families in Limavady, Ballykelly, Glack and Aghanloo so we extend sincere thanks to all the pupils, parents & staff. Thank you to Castlerock Golf Club for donations totalling £2,000 and to The Bridge Church, Maiden City Motor Club, W J O'Brien and to the many local businesses who made generous donations. Rotary Limavady presented us with a cheque for £1,400, one third of the funds obtained from the Tree of Remembrance and Limavady Wolfhounds raised £1,500 through Advent quizzes. Limavady Parish donated £2,145 from their Annual Breakfast. We are very grateful to all.

We also wish to acknowledge and thank those who contribute weekly to the RED BOX, make regular donations via standing orders, to anyone who has supported our fundraising throughout the year and to those who bought SVP Christmas cards. We receive numerous donations, many of which are anonymous, some on a regular basis, and we are blessed with the support we receive from the whole local community.

Over the Christmas period, we assisted 121 families and individuals with cash, food and vouchers. In 2024 St Canice Conference, Limavady distributed £82,000. Of this, £10,000 was given towards the cost of school uniforms, £26,000 for white goods and over £24,000 on oil. Cash assistance of £22,000 was distributed for food, gas and electric. We are grateful to LCDI who provide Food packs for our families in times of need.

A little help at the right time can change everything. Your support has helped local families through this winter, helped them get back on their feet, has given them a brighter future and most of all your support has given them a lifeline. Your donations and those of the local community have been paramount in supporting our work in this parish and has enabled us to again answer the call to help those in need, so on behalf of all those we assist we say a heartfelt 'Thank You'.

The Holy Sacrifice of Mass will be offered for the special intentions of all our benefactors and donors.

DISABLED PARKING

Christ the King Church, St Mary's Church, St Finlough's Church, Bethany Community Centre

Please do <u>NOT</u> park in Disabled Parking Spaces unless you need to

LIMAVADY PARISH BULLETIN

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 February 2025

LITURGICAL PROGRAMME FOR WEEK COMMENCING 17 FEBRUARY

Monday 17 - Friday 21 February	10.00 am	Mass: Christ the King Church (streamed)
Saturday 22 February	4.30 pm	Vigil Mass for 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Christ the King Church (streamed)
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass for 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time St Finlough's Church (streamed)
Sunday 23 February	9.00 am	Mass: Christ the King Church
	10.30 am	Mass: St Mary's Church (streamed)
	12.00 noon	Mass: Christ the King Church
Readings for Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time		1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23. Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13, R/ v 8. 1 Cor 15:45-49. Lk 6:27-38.

Month's Mind Masses and Anniversary Masses

To arrange Anniversaries, Month's Mind Masses or First Anniversary Masses, please contact Janet.

<u>Baptisms</u>

To arrange a Baptism, you <u>MUST</u> complete a Baptism Card in the Parish Office. Call at the Parish Office between 9.00 am - 1.00 pm Monday - Friday.

Parish Bulletin

The bulletin is available online. Visit: Website: www.limavadyparish.org All notices should be emailed to: parishoflimavady@btinternet.com or left in the post box outside the parish office before Wednesday at 1 pm.

Telephone Numbers

Mgr McCanny Fr Harkin Parish Office 028 777 29759 028 777 64409 028 777 62522 (Monday - Friday: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm) Email: parishoflimavady@btinternet.com Website: www.limavadyparish.org

In these difficult times please remember the SVP Red Box Helpline 07512360388

Deaths

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Frank O'Hara, Carnamuff Road, Ballykelly Jim O'Brien, Brisbane, Australia who died recently

First Anniversary Masses

The First Anniversary Mass for **Marie McGinnis** will be celebrated on Saturday 22 February in Christ the King Church. The First Anniversary Mass for Ann **Patricia Logue** will be celebrated on Saturday 22 February in St Finlough's Church.

<u>Anniversaries</u>

Jim Nicholas, Denis Harkin, Francie O'Callaghan, John McLaughlin, Barry Doherty, Hannah Cook, George McCool, Jessie McGuinness, Patrick McGlinchey, Willie Holmes, Gabriel & Bridget McLaughlin, Lila Hanna, Margaret McNicholl, Sean McCluskey, Grace Canning, Jean Hartin, Patsy & Peggy Mullan, Dan & Anne Coyle, Mary Kealey, Mary Ann McCormick

Derry Diocesan Society

Pray for all deceased members of the Derry Diocesan Society, especially for the following who have been recently enrolled:

Mary Bridget Ferrier, Kathleen McLaughlin, Noel Leonard, Elizabeth McGonigle, James Desmond Keane, Terry Buttress, Annie McGill, Brian Mullan, Patrick Canning, David Florida-James, Isobel McLaughlin, Bernadette McLaughlin, Margaret Feeney, Michael McGregor

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

 Baptisms

 We welcome into the parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

 Cliana Celia O'Brien

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION Sunday 9 February: £4,970.00

PARISH MISSION As part of our celebrations of the Holy Year, it has been decided to have a Parish Mission. The Dominican Friars Mission team have agreed to come in the week leading up to Holy Week ie Saturday 5 April to Saturday 12 April 2025. Further details will be given closer to the time.

'<u>THE CHOSEN'</u> An historical drama based on the life of Jesus. This production allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew Him. The next series of 'The Chosen' will continue in the Minor Hall in Bethany Community Centre on Monday nights (3, 10, 24, 31 March) at 7.00 pm. Tea and coffee served beforehand. All welcome.

<u>VOCATIONS</u> We invite men aged 18+ who may be considering following the Lord as diocesan priests to a Vocations Weekend in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, from 7 - 9 March 2025. Anyone interested should contact the diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan at: pgoh2111@gmail.com.

<u>VOCATIONS SOCIETY OF ST JOSEPH</u> The next meeting of the Society will be held in the conference room of Christ the King on Tuesday 18 February immediately after 10.00 am Mass and the Rosary. New members welcome.

ROSARY ON BENONE BEACH at 3.00 pm on Sunday 16 February. All welcome.

DROMANTINE WORKSHOPS 2025 The following workshops and retreat will be offered by Fr Hugh Lagan SMA, a priest with the Society of African Missions and a chartered clinical psychologist: Saturday 8 March: A Radical Welcome; 2 - 4 May: Difficult People; 10 - 15 June: Leaning into the Light: A Day at a Time. For reservations call 028 3082 1964.

ST MARY'S PARISH

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

Please refer to www.derrydiocese.org for Safeguarding Policy and Procedures Code of Behaviour, Whistle Blowing Policy, Complaints Procedure

ADULT SAFEGUARDING TRAINING on Saturday 22 February from 10.00 am - 1.00 pm in Bethany Community Centre. If you would like to attend, please leave name in the Parish Office. Tel: 028 777 62522.

<u>'PILGRIMS OF HOPE PILGRIMAGE' TO ROME</u> led by Thornhill Ministries from 16 October 2025 for 4 nights. £1,095 pp sharing. Text: 07736832458 with name and address for forms and details.

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Contact Aisling on 00353 1 505 3112 ore by email to marriage preparation@accord.ie and for further information see www.accord.ie.

ACCORD DERRY - MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOPS 2025 21/22 February, 28/29 March, 11/12 April, 30/31 May, 20/21 June. All courses are now online for booking at www.accordni.com. Please note that ALL of these courses are in person and NOT virtual.

<u>CONAN McGONAGLE</u>, our parishioner, will receive Subdiaconate Ordination at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary on 22 February. Bishop of Lincoln to officiate. Conan will receive Diaconate Ordination on 5 April officiated by Bishop of Kansas, Bishop Finn. Please keep Conan in your prayers.

PARISH DRAW The next draw will take place on Monday 24 February at 7.30 pm in Bethany Community Centre. Collection from 6.00 - 7.30 pm in Bethany Community Centre. All welcome.

<u>OUIZ NIGHT</u> in aid of Foyle Hospice on Friday 21 February at Bethany Community Centre starting at 7.00 pm. £5 per person. (Teams of 5 max) BYO and refreshments available to purchase. Visit www.foylehospice.com.

ANAM CARA BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION EVENING on Tuesday 18 February at 7.00 pm. Visit: www.anamcara.ie / info@anamcara.ie

DOMANTINE SUMMER CAMP 2025 REGISTRATION Opens Saturday 1 March at 7.00 am. Email: info@dromantinesummercamp.co.uk.

DERRY DIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA We are inviting young people aged 16+ to join us on Pilgrimage to Fatima from 14 July - 18 July. This will be a unique experience for young people and an opportunity to engage with their peers from around the world in a faith context. Cost is $\pounds700$ and there will be a budget plan to help with this. Names and deposit of $\pounds100$ are required as soon as possible to secure a place. For more information or to book in please contact: lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org or 028 71264087.

LIFE CAMP 2025 Living - In - Faith - Everywhere: LIFE Camp is a voluntary organisation staffed by teachers, students and experienced volunteers. It takes place in St Mary's College, Northland Road, Derry. We are calling all pupils currently in P3 - P7. Week 1: Tuesday 1 - Friday 4 July and Week 2: Monday 7 - Friday 11 July. Cost for Week 1 is £35. Cost for Week 2 is £40. To register go to www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Life%20Summer%20Camp.

CEMETERY SUNDAYS 2025

6 pm

6 pm

6 pm

3 pm

Roemill Christ the King St Mary's St Finlough's Sunday 1 June 2025 Sunday 8 June 2025 Sunday 15 June 2025 Sunday 29 June 2025

Please bring Holy Water to sprinkle on your graves