

ST VINCENT de PAUL - TOYS & GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

We have had to re-think how we can help our families with toys and gifts this Christmas. **Due to the current restrictions, we cannot accept and deliver toys this year.**

Last week, we asked you to consider donating **gift vouchers** from various outlets which we would then distribute. Families can shop locally or online using these vouchers. Many local shops eg SuperValu, Lidl, Tesco, sell gift vouchers for use in their stores AND some of them stock gift vouchers for national stores such as Argos, Boots, Amazon etc. The 'One4all' is a multi-store voucher and can be purchased in the Post Office and Spar. Families can use these vouchers to shop for toys online.

Alternatively, you can donate money specifically for Christmas toys and gifts. We would buy the vouchers using this money. Vouchers/money can be dropped into our Red Boxes at the three parish churches.

You can also donate online at Bank of Ireland
Sort Code 90-50-96 Account no. 61418937 Account name: SVP St. Canice Limavady

If you need further information or help, please speak to any of our members or ring our Helpline on **07512360388**.

We are making this appeal early so that we can distribute the vouchers to our families as soon as possible to enable them to budget for Christmas.

Thank you very much to all the parishioners who have already donated money and vouchers.

ACCORD DERRY - VIRTUAL INTERACTIVE MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The course will now take place over two evenings (Tuesdays and Wednesdays) from 7 - 9 pm. Further information is available on the website and booking is now live. For information - Tel: 028 71 362475 or email: derry@accordni.com or visit accord-ni.co.uk

3-SESSION MINI ADVENT RETREAT ON ZOOM will be led by Fr Billy Swan, St Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy on Tuesday 1 - Thursday 3 December beginning at 8 pm To take part email: thehookoffaith@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS are now available from Gormley Pharmacy or any member of the SVP Society. £2 per pack of 10 cards.

MARY'S MEALS Last year, sales of our Christmas cards and gifts helped us to feed more than 3,500 hungry children. You can order online or by calling 0800 698 1212. From today until 31 Jan 2021, public donations made to our **Double The Love** appeal will be doubled by the UK government, up to £2 million.

Month's Mind Masses and Anniversary Masses

To arrange Anniversaries, Month's Mind Masses or First Anniversary Masses, please contact Janet.
Tel: Parish Office - 028 777 62522 between 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

Baptisms

To arrange a Baptism, please contact Janet.
Tel: Parish Office - 028 777 62522 between 9.00 am - 1.00 pm.

Telephone Numbers

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

Bulletin Notices

All notices should be emailed to: parishoflimavady@btinternet.com
or left in the parish office before Wednesday at 1 pm.

LIMAVADY PARISH BULLETIN

Christ King of the Universe

22 November 2020

LITURGICAL PROGRAMME

FOR THE PERIOD MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER - SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER

Monday - Thursday	10 am	Mass in Christ the King Church Also streamed on You Tube
Friday only	6 pm	Mass streamed on You Tube from Christ the King Church
Saturday	6 pm	Vigil Mass - Sunday in Ordinary Time in Christ the King Church - Streamed on You Tube
Sunday	10.30 am	Mass in Christ the King Church Streamed on You Tube

- Face Coverings:** It is mandatory in civil law that face coverings are worn when entering or leaving a place of worship, or being in a place of worship but not seated. The wearing of a face covering is mandatory unless a person has a reasonable excuse. There is no obligation on a person to prove what their reasonable excuse might be. As well as reasonable excuses, some people are subject to exceptions, so that they do not have to wear a face covering - for example a child under 13 years of age or a person leading a service in a place of worship or a couple at a ceremony to solemnise their marriage.
- Holy Communion:** Please remember that, in keeping with regulations, Holy Communion **MUST** be received on the hand. When going to Holy Communion and when leaving the Church, follow the distance indicated by the tape markings on the floor.
- Funerals and Committals:** It is illegal to organise or participate in a gathering of more than 25 persons for the purpose of a funeral or the committal of a body. It is only possible to view a body in a funeral home. A person responsible for organising or operating a funeral or associated event elsewhere must comply with the guidance on funerals issued by the Department of Health.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed for 2 weeks from 27 November in accordance with Covid 19 government guidelines.

PARISH BULLETIN

The bulletin is available online. Visit: Website: www.limavadyparish.org
There will be no paper copy of the parish bulletin for the next 2 weeks.

Deaths

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of
Mary McCanny, Thackeray Place, Limavady
Mary (Lena) Hunt, 61 Catherine Street, Limavady
Kathleen Tierney, formerly Irish Green Street, Limavady
who died recently

First Anniversary Masses

The First Anniversary Mass for **Hugh Mullan** will be streamed on You Tube on Saturday 28 November at 6 pm from Christ the King Church.

The First Anniversary Mass for **Sarah Trainor** will be streamed on You Tube on Sunday 29 November at 10.30 am from Christ the King Church.

Anniversaries

Fr James Duffy, Alice Clarke, Denis McCann, Susan Lafferty, Emma Doherty, Billy Toner, Danny Ferris, Tommy McAteer, Mick Gottfrey, James O'Kane, Norman Leahy, John Harkin, John Bernard McNicholl, Felicity Deighan, William Anderson, Lawrence McIlroy, Robbie & Gerard McGonigle

Derry Diocesan Society

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

Dennis Davis, Ann Forrest, William Gilkinson, Kevin Cooper, Pauline McDermott, Peter Bonham, Kathleen Meere, Violet Ward, Josephine Millar, Margaret Cooke, Abraham Begley, Mary Curran, Vincent O'Kane, Thomas Connor, Derek Moore, Christopher McGrotty, Rita Hasson, Maurice Bell

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

WEEKLY ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Envelopes can be returned at the following places:

- Mgr McCanny's House
- Parochial House - Christ the King
- Parochial House - St Finlough's

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 on the Standing Order Form.

Once again many thanks for your patience, kindness and generosity.

WEEKLY COLLECTION Sunday 1 November - £2,945.00

USHERING AT MASS If you would be interested in ushering at Mass, especially at weekends, please ring Jim on 07762767324.

PARISH DRAW Collection for October, November and December will take place on Monday 14 December from 6 pm - 8 pm in Bethany Community Centre (Covid 19 Restrictions permitting).

PAINTING OF ST MARY'S CHURCH

St Mary's Church will be closed for a further 3 weeks to facilitate the repainting of the interior of the Church.

Accordingly, all funerals for the next 3 weeks will be celebrated in Christ the King Church or St Finlough's Church.

The Church will reopen in good time for the weddings later in December.

Thank you for your patience at this time.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

The following is the proposed Mass Schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day:

Christ the King:	Christmas Eve	4.30 pm, 6.00 pm, 7.30 pm, 9.00 pm
	Christmas Day	9.00 am, 10.30 am, 12.00 noon
St Mary's:	Christmas Eve	7.30 pm
St Finlough's:	Christmas Eve	9.00 pm

Due to Covid restrictions the numbers attending each of these Masses are limited.

EVERYONE MUST HAVE A TICKET

These tickets will be distributed on Sunday 13 December from 2 pm - 4 pm in Bethany Community Centre.

WHAT IS OUR PRIEST WEARING AT MASS? (Part 1)

One Sunday morning many years ago as the priest ascended the altar steps to say Mass, my six year old daughter whispered in my ear, "Why does Fr. Brady wear coloured clothes like that?" I quietly told her that they were not 'clothes' but 'vestments' and she then whispered "What are vestments?"

I suddenly realised that I had never paid much attention to what vestments the priest wore on the altar and the child's question embarrassed me into confronting my own ignorance and into doing a little research. As it turned out, my daughter was right to simply describe 'vestments' as 'clothes' for that is exactly what they were in the very early church. 'Vestments' worn for liturgies 'were the same as clothes in ordinary popular use'. As styles changed in the secular/social clothing of Greek and Roman culture, the early clothes worn in the Church liturgies did not change 'to match changes in popular styles'. That early clothing became garments which remained noticeably different and distinctive and evolved into being regarded as 'vestments' which were worn for their symbolic significance. And that is why priests still continue to wear them at Mass as they continue to preserve and proclaim the symbolism associated with each particular garment. As the priest vests before Mass in the sacristy he has to put on five elements of liturgical attire in this decided order – the amice, alb, cincture, stole and chasuble.

The **amice** (from the Latin which means to 'wrap around') was generally worn by people as a covering for the head and shoulders. In the liturgy it became a rectangular piece of cloth thrown over the head on to the shoulders and known as 'the helmet of salvation'. In putting it on the priest prays, "Place upon me, O Lord, the helmet of salvation that I may overcome the assaults of the devil." The wearing of the amice is now optional and not compulsory as it once was.

The **alb** is worn over the amice. It is a long-sleeved, spacious garment which falls as far as the celebrant's feet. It is called 'alb' from the Latin words 'alba' (vestis) meaning a 'white' (garment). Originally it was similar to the ordinary white tunic worn widely by Romans and Greeks but before long it became adopted and adapted by the early Church for what it meaningfully symbolised. It quickly became associated with the rite of Baptism when men and women, rising from baptism by immersion, having put their former way of life behind them, were clothed in a white garment symbolising their new way of life in Christ. This clothing ceremony is still preserved in the present baptismal rite where the priest prays as he places or recognises the white garment or shawl enfolding the newly baptised child.

And for the Priest celebrating Mass the pure, white alb is a symbol of that spotless innocence with which the priest should 'ascend the mountain of the Lord to stand in the holy place where even the heavenly spirits tremble.' As the celebrant puts on the Alb in the sacristy, he says the following prayer: "Make me white, O Lord, and cleanse my heart; that being made white in the blood of the Lamb, I may deserve an eternal reward."

(Sources: Sri, GIRM, Liturgical Catechism, Rev. GIHR)