

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	James McGuinness, Kate McQuillan, Jimmy O'Hara
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, A McCambridge
Wednesday	A Hamilton, M Trainor
Thursday	A Diamond, M Diamond
Friday	B McClean, 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	Marie McAteer
Tuesday	Anne Marie Holmes
Wednesday	Bridgeen Deighan
Thursday	Laureen Holland
Friday	Lawrence McCreanor

ALTAR SOCIETY FOR JANUARY

Christ the King - Kate McQuillan **St Mary's** - Mary Harron **St Finlough's** - Susan Kerr

PARISH BREAKFAST Thank you to everyone who helped in any way at the Parish Breakfast and to all those who attended. £2,145 was given to St Vincent de Paul.

The Parish Office will reopen on Monday 6 January at 9.00 am.
The next bulletin will be printed weekend 11/12 January.
All notices should be in before 1 pm on Wednesday 8 January.

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

LIMAVADY PARISH BULLETIN

4th Sunday of Advent

22 December 2024



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

Deaths

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of
Michael McGregor, 30 Church Street, Limavady
Rory Woods, Drumsurn
who died recently

Month's Mind Mass

The Month's Mind Mass for **Isobel McLaughlin** will be celebrated on
Saturday 28 December at 4.30 pm in Christ the King Church..

First Anniversary Masses

The First Anniversary Mass for **Mary McGowan** will be celebrated on
Sunday 29 December at 12.00 noon in Christ the King Church.

The First Anniversary Mass for **Jean Canning** will be celebrated on
Monday 30 December at 10.00 am in Christ the King Church.

The First Anniversary Mass for **Roseanne McGuinness** will be celebrated on
Saturday 4 January at 4.30 pm in Christ the King Church.

The First Anniversary Mass for **Margaret McLaughlin** will be celebrated on
Saturday 11 January at 6.00 pm in St Finlough's Church.

The First Anniversary Mass for **John Deehan** will be celebrated on
Sunday 12 January at 9.00 am in Christ the King Church.

Anniversaries

22 Dec: Fr Michael Mullan, Brigid Jane McGahon, Margaret McLaughlin, Patrick Joseph Mulhern, Helen Hession, Patrick Harron, Susan Donaghy, Annie Hegarty, Desmond McCool, Mairead Crampsie, Theresa McLaughlin, Jack Farrell, Ned Donnelly, Lawrence Mulgrew, Paul McGuinness, Jeannie McCool, Vincent McLaughlin, Sean Mackle, Alphonsus Hasson, Sarah Mullan

29 Dec: Mary Calwell, Gerard Hegarty, Mary McGowan, Thomas James (Jim) O'Connor, Mary McGuinness
5 Jan: Roseanne McGuinness, Jean Karczewski, Hilary Woods, William Edward McGee, Margaret McLaughlin, Anna McVeigh, Bridget Coyle, Bernard O'Neill

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Baptisms

We welcome into the parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Conlan James Joseph Moore

LITURGICAL PROGRAMME FOR WEEK COMMENCING 23 DECEMBER

Monday 23 - Tuesday 24 December	10.00 am	Mass:	Christ the King (streamed)
Tuesday 24 December	4.30 pm	Vigil Mass:	Christ the King (streamed)
	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass:	Christ the King (streamed)
	9.00 pm	Vigil Mass:	Christ the King (streamed)
	4.30 pm	Vigil Mass:	St Mary's (streamed)
	9.00 pm	Vigil Mass:	St Finlough's (streamed)
	9.00 am	Mass:	Christ the King (streamed)
Wednesday 25 December	12.00 noon	Mass:	Christ the King (streamed)
	10.30 am	Mass:	St Mary's (streamed)
Thursday 26 - Friday 27 December	10.00 am	Mass:	Christ the King (streamed)
Saturday 28 December Feast of The Holy Family	4.30 pm	Vigil Mass:	Christ the King
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass:	St Finlough's
Sunday 29 December Feast of The Holy Family	9.00 am	Mass:	Christ the King (streamed)
	10.30 am	Mass:	St Mary's (streamed)
	12.00 noon	Mass:	Christ the King (streamed)
Readings for Second Sunday of Christmas			Eccles (Sir) 24:1-2, 8-12. Ps 147:12-15, 19-20, R/ Jn 1:14. Eph 1:3-6, 15-18. Jn 1:1-18.

LITURGICAL PROGRAMME FOR WEEK COMMENCING 30 DECEMBER

Mon 30 December - Friday 3 January	10.00 am	Mass:	Christ the King (streamed)
Saturday 4 January	4.30 pm	Vigil Mass:	Second Sunday of Christmas
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass:	Christ the King (streamed) Second Sunday of Christmas St Finlough's (streamed)
Sunday 5 January Second Sunday of Christmas	9.00 am	Mass:	Christ the King (streamed)
	10.30 am	Mass:	St Mary's (streamed)
	12.00 noon	Mass:	Christ the King
Readings for Baptism of The Lord			Is 40:1-5, 9-11. Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30, R/v 1. Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7. Lk 3:15-16, 21-22.

LITURGICAL PROGRAMME FOR WEEK COMMENCING 6 JANUARY

Monday 6 January Feast of the Epiphany	10.00 am	Mass:	Christ the King (streamed)
	6.00 pm	Mass:	Christ the King (streamed)
	7.00 pm	Mass:	St Finlough's (streamed)
Tuesday 7 - Friday 10 January	10.00 am	Mass:	Christ the King (streamed)
Saturday 11 January	4.30 pm	Vigil Mass:	Baptism of The Lord
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass:	Christ the King (streamed) Baptism of The Lord St Finlough's (streamed)
Sunday 12 January Baptism of The Lord	9.00 am	Mass:	Christ the King
	10.30 am	Mass:	St Mary's (streamed)
	12.00 noon	Mass:	Christ the King
Readings for Second Sunday in Ordinary Time			Is 62:1-5. Ps 95:1-3, 7-10, R/ v 3. 1 Cor 12:4-11. Jn 2:1-11.

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 15 December: Weekly - £4,645.00

FIRST FRIDAY Friday 3 January is the First Friday. Mass will be celebrated in Christ the King Church at 10.00 am.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION We are going to return to visiting the Nursing Homes on Christmas Day. We are very grateful to those who have already volunteered for this role. We still need the help of four more Ministers (you would be on rota three months of the year). Retired Ministers are also welcome. Contact Mary on 07971171249.

INVITATION TO 33 DAYS OF FAMILY PRAYER Bishop McKeown will lead the diocese in 33 days of Family Prayer towards Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary, as part of a diocesan programme for the Jubilee Year of 2025, Pilgrims of Hope. It will be delivered online on the Diocese of Derry Facebook, each evening at 7.00 pm, starting on Thursday 9 January 2025 and concluding on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Tuesday 11 February 2025. Bishop McKeown explains, "It is a journey I set out to make to entrust myself and my priesthood to Christ through the Mother of God. I extend an invitation to you and your families from the parishes of the diocese to join me". Details and times of the prayer programme with a video message from Bishop McKeown can be viewed at: derrydiocese.org/consecration.

PARISH DRAW WINNERS - DECEMBER

£1,000	Foyle Hospice, c/o F McIntyre	£100	Majella Cooke, c/o M Cooke
£100	Lily Woods, c/o J Hartin	£100	Paula Carlin, c/o G Carlin
£100	Maire O'Neill, c/o M Diamond	£100	John Deighan (snr), c/o S Keown
Collector's Prize	Fiona Mullan		