

POPE FRANCIS REFLECTING FROM HOSPITAL

"The walls of hospitals have heard more honest prayers than churches.
They have witnessed far more sincere kisses than those in airports.
It is in hospitals that you see a homophobe being saved by a gay doctor.
A privileged doctor saving the life of a beggar.
In intensive care, you see a Jew taking care of a racist.
A police officer and a prisoner in the same room receiving the same care.
A wealthy patient waiting for a liver transplant, ready to receive the organ from a poor donor.
It is in these moments, when the hospital touches the wounds of people, that different worlds intersect according to a divine design.
And in this communion of destinies, we realize that alone, we are nothing. The absolute truth of people, most of the time, only reveals itself in moments of pain or in the real threat of an irreversible loss.
A hospital is a place where human beings remove their masks and show themselves as they truly are, in their purest essence.
This life will pass quickly, so do not waste it fighting with people.
Do not criticize your body too much.
Do not complain excessively.
Do not lose sleep over bills.
Make sure to hug your loved ones.
Do not worry too much about keeping the house spotless.
Material goods must be earned by each person - do not dedicate yourself to accumulating an inheritance.
You are waiting for too much: Christmas, Friday, next year, when you have money, when love arrives, when everything is perfect.
Listen, perfection does not exist.
A human being cannot attain it because we are simply not made to be fulfilled here. Here, we are given an opportunity to learn. So, make the most of this trial of life - and do it now.
Respect yourself, respect others. Walk your own path, and let go of the path others have chosen for you.
Respect: do not comment, do not judge, do not interfere.
Love more, forgive more, embrace more, live more intensely!
And leave the rest in the hands of the Creator."

Pope Francis

LIMAVADY PARISH BULLETIN

Third Sunday in Lent

23 March 2025

LITURGICAL PROGRAMME FOR WEEK COMMENCING 24 MARCH

Monday 24 - Friday 28 March	7.00 am	Mass:	Christ the King
	10.00 am	Mass:	Christ the King (streamed)
Saturday 29 March	4.30 pm	Vigil Mass:	4th Sunday Lent in Christ the King (streamed)
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass:	4th Sunday Lent in St Finlough's (streamed)
Sunday 30 March	9.00 am	Mass:	Christ the King
	10.30 am	Mass:	St Mary's (streamed)
	12.00 noon	Mass:	Christ the King
Readings for 4th Sunday in Lent:	Jos 5:9-12. Ps 33:2-7, R/ v 9. 2 Cor 5:17-21. Lk 15:1-3, 11-32.		

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 Monday - Friday.

Baptisms

To arrange a Baptism, you **MUST** 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

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

Deaths

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of
Margaret Moran, 23 Rossmara, Limavady
who died recently

Month's Mind Masses

The Month's Mind Mass for **Colum McAteer** will be celebrated on
Sunday 23 March at 12.00 noon in Christ the King Church.

The Month's Mind Mass for **Robert O'Connor** will be celebrated on
Saturday 29 March at 6.00 pm in St Finlough's Church.

Anniversaries

Leona Woods, Arthur McNally, Mary & Paddy Hartin, Bernadette Magee, Bobby Mullan, Eamonn Carlin, Mattie, Paddy, Bobby, Michael, Norman, Annie, Liz & Agnes Clarke, Patsy Baird, Peggy Heaney, Mary Pordon, Mr & Mrs Quigley, Paddy McGillion, Susan Kerr, Patrick McGonigle, Margaret Edgar, Leo O'Kane

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Baptisms

We welcome into the parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Croia Beau Moore, Millie Margaret Simmons Logue

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 16 March: £4,805.00

VOCATIONS We ask God's blessing on those being called to serve as priests of the Diocese of Derry, that they will have the faith and trust of Abraham and St Patrick, and that they will listen to Jesus, the Son of God, the Chosen One.

'THE CHOSEN' 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 Chosen' will continue in the Minor Hall in Bethany Centre on Monday nights (24, 31 March) at 7.00 pm. Tea and coffee served beforehand. All welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Calling all Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament in the Derry Diocese to the National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 6 April. Ring to enquire or book a seat: 07738873492. Full bus details on www.eucharisticadoration.ie.

'SING FOR JOY' - A DAY OF MUSIC AND MINISTRY on Saturday 26 April at Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal. Boat departs at 9.30 am. This day is open to young people aged 18 - 35 and is free to attend (supported by the Knights of St Columbanus). Registration is essential via <https://bit.ly/SingforJoy>. For further information please contact: info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk or Tel: 07759496677.

LEGION OF MARY It is time once again to collect donations for the ALIVE Newspaper. Could you please give to any member of the Legion or leave in the parish office. Thank you.

ACCORD DERRY - MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOPS 2025 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.

GRASTA PREPARATION FOR MARRIAGE COURSES on 23 - 25 May & 19 - 21 September. Details: www.grasta.org or at info@grasta.org.

ST IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES FOR MEN Friday 2 May - Monday 5 May in An Tobar Retreat Centre, Ardbraccan Navan, C15 T884. Cost 190 euros - includes all meals and en-suite single rooms. Call 00353 87 348 2148 or iveireland@ive.org.

ST JOHN PAUL II PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS **Save the Date** The 2025 Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 15 June.

PARISH ENVELOPES 2025/2026

Parish Envelopes are in alphabetical order and can be collected as follows:

Christ the King Church
Saturday 22 / Sunday 23 March

St Finlough's Church
Saturday 22 March

St Mary's Church
Sunday 30 March

NEW USERS: If you do not have a box of envelopes and require one, please call at the Parish Office between 9.00 am – 1.00 pm weekdays.

CHANGE OF DETAILS OR STATUS: If you have moved residence, got married or wish to add new members to your household, you can also call the Parish Office on 028 777 62522 so our records can be updated.

GIFT AID: If you are a current taxpayer, you are eligible to Gift Aid your contribution and if you have not previously done so you may also collect or complete a Gift Aid Form. This makes your contribution worth an extra 20% to the Parish at no extra cost to you. Also if you are no longer a taxpayer, please inform the Parish Office.

PLEASE: Take envelopes for family and friends. Please ensure that you take the correct envelopes.

THANK YOU: for your continuing generous support.

PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR NEW ENVELOPES UNTIL 6 APRIL
and
DESTROY ANY OLD ENVELOPES

MARY'S MEALS - EMERGENCY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA To help Mary's Meals keep providing life-changing meals and reach more children in need, please keep our work in your prayers and consider donating to this appeal. 10p provides a school meal. Find out more at www.marysmeals.org.uk or Freephone 0800 698 1212.

'PILGRIMS OF HOPE PILGRIMAGE' TO ROME 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.

ST FINLOUGH'S HALL Volunteers required to help set up for functions at hall. Please contact any committee member for details.

PARISH DRAW The next draw will take place on Monday 31 March at 7.30 pm in Bethany Community Centre. Collection from 6.30 - 7.30 pm in Bethany Community Centre. All welcome.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF ST FINLOUGH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL welcomes you to join in a celebration Mass on Thursday 3 April at 7 pm in St Finlough's Chapel.

CEMETERY SUNDAYS 2025

Roemill	6 pm	Sunday 1 June 2025
Christ the King	6 pm	Sunday 8 June 2025
St Mary's	6 pm	Sunday 15 June 2025
St Finlough's	3 pm	Sunday 29 June 2025

Please bring Holy Water to sprinkle on your graves