

ADVENT DIARY

Sunday 8 December	Advent Service (6 pm)*	St Mary's Church
Monday 9 December	Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception (10 am)	St Mary's Church
Wednesday 11 December	Walking Carol Service (7 pm)	Starting at St Mary's Church
Sunday 15 December	'Bambinelli' Sunday Blessing of 'Infant Jesus' figures	All Masses
Sunday 15 December	Advent Service (6 pm)*	St Mary's Church
Monday 16 December	St Finlough's School Carol Service (7 pm)	St Finlough's Church
Wednesday 18 December	Penance Service (7.30 pm)	Christ the King Church
Thursday 19 December	Parish Breakfast (7.30am-9.00am)	Drummond Hotel
Thursday 19 December	Penance Service (7 pm)	St Finlough's Church
Sunday 22 December	Carol Service (6 pm)	St Mary's Church

*Sunday Advent Services will incorporate exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Divine Chaplet and concluding with Benediction. It will be offered for family life in the parish.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES The Diocese in conjunction with Youthlink NI are offering training for young people aged 16 - 18 interested in Youth Work and Leadership Training. It will run over 3 days: Saturday 18 January, Sunday 2 February and Saturday 7 March in Maghera Pastoral Centre. The Diocese are also offering training for adults interested in Parish Pastoral Ministry. It will run over 5 Saturdays and few evenings beginning on Wednesday 4 March 6 pm - 9 pm in Maghera Pastoral Centre. If interested in either of these courses contact: Yvonne Rooney at email Yvonne.rooney@derrydiocese.org or Tel: 0044 2871264087.

BINGO in St Finlough's Hall on Friday 13 December at 8.30 pm. Jackpot of £1,000 must go on the night.

GLACK HUT Santa will be arriving on Sunday 15 December from 5 pm - 7 pm.

MEMORY TREE OF LIGHTS for those bereaved by suicide on 8 December at 5.30 pm at 101a Irish Green Street. For more information contact Fidelis on 028 7132 0138 /078 4156 9000.

ANAM CARA DONEGAL Parent Evening on 12 December at 7.20 pm in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny.

COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITIES is a scheme within the Foyle Hospice are looking for volunteers to befriend someone who is experiencing isolation due to frailty or a life limiting illness. Induction sessions 13 & 20 January 2020. (both days must be attended. Contact Leann on 07841101932 or email leann@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com).

FREE DROP IN HEARING AID MAINTENANCE SUPPORT SESSION on Friday 13 December from 11am - 12 noon at LCDI. Contact Mary Cruickshank: 02871 320167 / Mobile: 07918767640.

LORETO COLLEGE CAROL SERVICE on Tues 17 Dec at 7.30 pm. Donations in aid of the Loreto Missions.

FAUSTINA: Love and Mercy Cinemas around Ireland are showing the film 3 more times. on 9, 10, 16 December.

CHRISTMAS SING FOR PEACE BY CANDLELIGHT on Wed 11 Dec at 7 pm starting at the Guildhall.

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

2nd Sunday of Advent

8 December 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:
Susan Bryson, Terrydoo Road, Limavady
who died recently.

Month's Mind Masses

The Month's Mind Mass for **George Canning** will be celebrated on
Saturday 14 December at 7.30 pm in St Finlough's Church.
The Month's Mind Mass for **George McClarey** will be celebrated on
Sunday 15 December at 9.00 am in St Mary's Church.

First Anniversary Mass

The First Anniversary Mass for **Frank Dillon** will be celebrated on
Wednesday 11 December at 10.00 am in St Mary's Church

Anniversaries

Robert (Bobby) O'Connor, Mary Bridget O'Kane, Charles Logue, Katie McGill, Brendan Moore, Annie Canning, Eileen & Matthew Keane, Lagan Doherty, James Moore, Frank Dillon, Alexander McLaughlin, Alexander & Margaret Irwin, Patrick Mailey, Brian Mullan, Adrian Clarke, Roddy Canning, George Hegarty, James Kelly, Maureen Hassan, Samuel Holmes, James O'Kane, Catherine Hasson, Frankie McElhinney, John Mullan, Francie Forrest, Anne Edgar

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Baptisms

We welcome into the parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Jason Brian McClelland

PIONEERS Presentation of Gold and Silver Jubilarian pins will take place on Friday 13 December at 7.30 pm Mass in St Mary's Church.

ST ELISABETH CONVENT A Russian Orthodox Community in Minsk, Belarus The Sisters will visit St Mary's Church on Friday 13 December at 10.00 am Mass and will set up a small display of crafts for sale to support their charitable projects.

EVENING OF PRAYER AND INTERCESSION FOR AN INCREASE IN VOCATIONS Fr Pat O'Hagan, PP Merville will lead an Evening of Prayer and Intercession for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Diocese of Derry at St Eugene's Cathedral on Thursday 12 December beginning with Mass at 7.30 pm offered for vocations followed by a Holy Hour at 8.00 pm. All welcome.

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2 - 7 July 2020 Applications are now being sought for the 2020 Youth Pilgrimage, from those who will be age 17 at time of travel. Forms can be requested through schools or directly from the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ, email: derry pilgrim@outlook.com. Gift vouchers for all pilgrims to the value of £ 25 or £50 can be ordered.

FIFTEENTH MASS REMEMBERING SR CLARE CROCKETT on Sunday 8 December at 7.00 pm in Termonbacca Carmelite Retreat Monastery. The Mass is held on the second Sunday of every month.

DERRY DIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 28 July - 4 August (7 nights) for young people aged 16 - 18. Cost is £599 and there will be a budget plan to help with this. Names and deposit of £100 are due by 1 December. For more information or to book contact: lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org or Tel: 028 71 264087.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE RETREAT September 2020 8 days. Contact Thornhill Ministries 71 351233, or thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org or visit www.thornhillministries.co.uk.

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER Town Churches £ 3,781.01 Ballykelly £757.50

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus Christ, gentle shepherd,
you know your sheep,
and you know how to reach their hearts.
Give to the people of the Diocese of Derry
Hearts that are open to the call of the Holy Spirit.
Speak to the hearts of the (young) men of our diocese,
that they may hear your call to follow you and serve your people
as (deacons and) priests.
Awaken in them the courage to answer:
"Here I am, Lord. Send me."

St Eugene, pray for us.
St Columba, pray for us.
St John Vianney, pray for u.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY APPEAL Each year the St Vincent de Paul Society and the Salvation Army organise the distribution of toys and gifts to help local families who are struggling at Christmas. If you would like to donate a **NEW** toy or gift suitable for a child up to age 16, they can be left at any of the collection points listed below, up until Friday 13 December. The Family Appeal has enabled hundreds of gifts to be distributed to needy families in the past. Please leave your gifts at Tesco, Gordons Chemists, Bank of Ireland or the Salvation Army Centre in Limavady before Friday 13 December. There will also be collection points in all the parish churches from 23 November - 16 December. All gifts must be received before this date.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS are now available from the Parish Office, Gormley Pharmacy or any member of the SVP Society.

MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS A few years ago Pope Francis wrote: "If we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on our immediate needs. (Laudato Si Encyclical).

NI CANCER - PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 19 - 24 May 2020. Cost £695 (price reduction for cancer patients). For information for booking form - Tel: 07933938981 or email mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE Fri 27 December at 2 pm - Mon 30 Dec at 4 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/

THORNHILL MINISTRIES Advent: Wed 11 & 18 Dec. Reflection Mornings: (9.30 am - 12 noon. Meditation Hour: (6.30 pm - 7 pm). Décor Workshops: Tue 10 Dec at 7.30 pm and Thur 19 Dec at 7.30 pm. For information or to register Tel: 028 7135 1233 or email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org or visit www.thornhillministries.co.uk

CHURCHES RESTORATION FUND Next draw on Monday 16 December at **7.00 pm** in St Mary's School. Collection times are: 10.30 am - 11.00 am in the Parish Office and **6.00 - 7.00 pm** in St Mary's School. **NB Change of time for collection.**

TROCAIRE GIFTS OF LOVE If you want to help make the world a better place this Christmas give a Trocaire Gift. Tel: 0800 912 1200, www.trocaire.org/gifts or from 50 King Street, Belfast BT1 6AD. Leaflets in church porches.

IMPORTANT DATES

Confirmation	Saturday 25 April 2020	Christ the King Church
First Holy Communion (Termoncanice)	Saturday 16 May 2020	Christ the King Church
First Holy Communion (Irish)	Saturday 23 May 2020	Christ the King Church
First Holy Communion (Ballykelly)	Saturday 30 May 2020	St Finlough's Church
First Holy Communion (St Finlough's)	Saturday 30 May 2020	St Finlough's Church
First Holy Communion (Integrated)	Saturday 6 June 2020	Christ the King Church