

DECEMBER DIARY

Sunday 8 December	Eucharistic Healing Service St Mary's Church	6.00 pm
Monday 9 December	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Christ the King Church St Finlough's Church	10.00 am, 6.00 pm 7.00 pm
Friday 13 December	Parish Breakfast Bethany Community Centre	7.30 am - 9.30 am
Sunday 15 December	Carol Service St Mary's Church	6.00 pm
Monday 16 December	Penitential Service St Finlough's Church	7.00 pm
Tuesday 17 December	Walking Carol Service	7.00 pm
Wednesday 18 December	Penitential Service Christ the King Church	7.00 pm
Sunday 22 December	Exposition & Confessions Christ the King Church	3.00 pm – 5.00 pm
Tuesday 24 December	Christmas Eve Vigil Masses as follows: St Mary's Church Christ the King Church St Finlough's Church	4.30 pm 4.30 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.00 pm 9.00 pm
Wednesday 25 December	Christmas Day Masses as follows: Christ the King Church St Mary's Church	9.00 am, 12.00 noon 10.30 am

DERRY DIOCESAN TRUST VACANCIES **Diocesan Youth Coordinator** 35 hours per week (incl evening and weekend work). 1 year fixed term contract with possible extension. Closing date: no later than 4.30 pm on 11 December 2024.

Parish of Buncrana - Administrative Assistant 16 hours per week. 1 year fixed term contract with possibility of extension. Closing date: no later than 4.30 pm on Wednesday 18 December 2024.

Parish of Fahan - Administrative Assistant 16 hours per week. 1 year fixed term contract with possibility of extension. Closing date: no later than 4.30 pm on Wednesday 18 December 2024.

For job descriptions and application packs please contact the Diocesan Office on 028 71 262302 or email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org.

Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry BT48 9AP or via email to recruitment@derrydiocese.org.

Derry Diocese is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.

THE NET is available in parishes and also on the Diocesan website. For coverage of faith related stories just email: editorthenet15@gmail.com.

DIGITAL ADVENT 2024 CALENDAR with the theme 'Hope' is available daily throughout Advent on the Irish Bishops' Conference website, www.catholicbishops.ie.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS Is gambling affecting your life? Perhaps we can help. Tel: 028 7135 1329.

LIMAVADY PARISH BULLETIN

2nd Sunday of Advent

8 December 2024

LITURGICAL PROGRAMME FOR WEEK COMMENCING 9 DECEMBER

Monday 9 December	10.00 am, 6.00 pm	Mass: Christ the King Church Feast of the Immaculate Conception
	7.00 pm	Mass: St Finlough's Church Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Tues 10 - Fri 13 December	10.00 am	Mass: Christ the King Church (streamed)
Saturday 7 December	4.30 pm	Vigil Mass for Third Sunday of Advent Christ the King Church (streamed)
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass for Third Sunday of Advent St Finlough's Church (streamed)
Sunday 8 December	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 Third Sunday of Advent		Zeph 3:14-18. Ps 1s 12:2-6, R/ v 6. Phil 4:4-7. Lk 3:10-18.

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

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

PYXES

Would those who no longer take Communion to the Nursing Homes and have large pyxes, please return them as soon as possible.

Month's Mind Mass

The Month's Mind Mass for **Annie McGill** will be celebrated on Sunday 15 December at 9.00 am in Christ the King Church.

First Anniversary Masses

The First Anniversary Mass for **Tracey McLaughlin** will be celebrated on Sunday 8 December at 9.00 am in Christ the King Church.

The First Anniversary Mass for **Micky Crilly** will be celebrated on Saturday 14 December at 4.30 pm in Christ the King Church.

Anniversaries

Sarah Canning, Micky Crilly, Adrian Clarke, Maureen Hassan, Tracey McLaughlin, Eileen Keane, Gerard & Elizabeth Patton, Frankie McElhinney, Margaret Mullan, Lagan Doherty, Lindsay Mullan, William James McClarey, William & Susan Bryson, Anne Edgar, John Kerr, Patrick Mailey, James Joseph Smyth, Samuel Holmes, Francie Forrest, Robert & Catherine Hasson, Michael Dunn, John Harron, Joe McCorrison, Charlie & Jennie McLaughlin, Anthony & Anne McLaughlin, Kathleen Kelly, George Hegarty, Mary Bridget O'Kane, Charlie Logue, Katie McGill, Harry Campbell, Roddy Canning, James O'Kane

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

BAPTISMS

Rowan Emily Vinnicombe

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 1 December: £4,525.00

LIMAVADY PARISH MUSIC GROUP APPEAL FOR MORE MEMBERS Music plays a very important part in the Mass. It helps people to pray and feel closer to God and one another. Musicians welcome and singers much in need - you DON'T have to be able to read music or be 'pitch perfect'. If you would like to come along, please speak to any choir member or have a chat with Clare Tel: 07875186293 or Gregory Tel: 07746677164.

ADVENT RETREAT: Emmanuel - He meets you where you are: Join the Columba Community for their retreat on Sunday 8 December at 11 am in St Anthony's Retreat Centre, Burnfoot, Co Donegal. Booking is essential. Tel: 00353 749384866. Light lunch provided. Suggested donation £20.

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025 led by Bishop McKeown from Mon 30 June - Fri 4 July leaving from City of Derry airport. Price £849 plus insurance and single supplement if required. Pilgrimage Office will not be open for booking until 1 February 2025. Gift Vouchers are now available from the Pastoral Centre. Enquiries by email to: derry.pilgrim@outlook.com.

ADVENT TALKS "Connecting Luke's Gospel to the Old Testament" from 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm on Tuesday 10 December and Monday 16 December in the chapter room above St Mary's Church. For more information ring Seamus on 07729355068.

ADVENT COURSES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE The youth department of the Catechetical Centre, in conjunction with Youth Link NI, will be delivering a four-week course for Advent in Cathedral Hall, Derry City on Monday 9 & 16 December from 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm and in Maghera Pastoral Centre on Thursday 28 November, 5, 12 & 19 December from 6 pm - 7.30 pm for young people, including those doing the JPPII Award this year. For details contact Lizzie Rea on 028 71269090.

EXTENDED ADVENT RETREAT from Thursday 12 - Sunday 15 December in Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village. For details call: 00353 1 4048189 or email: dominicanretreats@gmail.com

SVDP CHRISTMAS CARDS now available in the parish office and Gormley Pharmacy.

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

FREE ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT FOR PARISHIONERS Speaker is Fr Stephen Cummins OP. The title of the retreat is: 'Keeping Vigil for the Vulnerable God'. The link to sign up for the Retreat is: <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/2024-online-advent-retreat>.

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

MEDUGORJE 14 - 21 May 2025 Flying direct from Derry to Mostar. 7 days dinner, bed and breakfast and insurance. £695 for early booking. Call Mairead on 028 777 22121.

NI CANCER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Saturday 10 May - Thursday 15 May 2025. Cost £859 (reduction for Cancer patients) For details and booking form contact: Mrs Jean Clarke, 67 Ballynahinch Road, Carryduff, Belfast BT8 8DL or call 07874688388 or email: mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA direct from Belfast. 30 July - 6 August. £885. £100 Early booking discount. S/D Fr Martin Graham Adm. Details: Joe Catney 07776425631.7 nights F/B Hotel Avenida.

IRISH PILGRIMAGE TRUST: EASTER 2025 PILGRIMAGE Applications are invited from young people with additional social, emotional, physical and learning needs aged 11 - 30 years who are interested in travelling as guests to Lourdes with the Irish Pilgrimage Trust. Applications are also sought for carers aged 18+ who would be interested in accompanying guests on the trip. The trip is free for guests as volunteers complete fundraising and carers pay their own fare.

Guests complete online application at <https://form.jotform.com/212932685135054>.

Carers applications at <https://form.jotform.com/211793062891056>.

For more information, visit <https://www.irishpilgrimage.org> or contact Sian at 00353 7960211352.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT followed by Live Crib at 5.00 pm in St Patrick's Church, Crossroads, Killygordon on Sunday 15 December. Hot chocolate served. All welcome.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS on Monday 9 & 16 December from 11.00 am - 12.00 noon at The Big House, 142 Drumsum Road, Limavady. Visit www.thebighouse.org.uk retreats and training.

TROCAIRE CHRISTMAS GIFTS If you want to give a gift that can transform lives this Christmas buy a Trocaire Gift of Change. Visit: www.trocaire.org/gifts or Tel: : 0800 912 1200.

ACCORD DERRY - MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOPS 2025 24/25 January, 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.

THE PARISH DRAW The next draw takes place on Monday 16 December at 7.30 pm in Bethany Community Centre. Collection times from 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm.

ST FINLOUGH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL warmly invites you to their Christmas Nativity Play on Wednesday 11 December in St Finlough's Parochial Centre at 7 pm, and for refreshments after.

ST FINLOUGH'S HALL Annual Christmas Draw: 1st Prize: £500 home heating oil; 2nd Prize: £200 Tesco voucher; 3rd Prize: £200 McAtamney's voucher; 4th Prize: £100 Tesco voucher. Tickets £5 or 5 for £20. Contact 07739596794 for tickets. Also available from Credit Union Ballykelly. **Bingo** on 20 December (last bingo of this year).

ANAM CARA Monthly Parent Support Evening on Thursday 12 December at 7.30 pm in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny.

MARY'S MEALS All donations made to our 'Double The Love Appeal' are being match, up to £900,00

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