

# 'News Sheet'

## Donegal Group of Parishes



Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Dec (Advent 1 ) A warm welcome to you all, especially if you are visiting us today

### Prayer for Today

Almighty God, Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

### Today's Services

Killymard- 9.30 am HC  
Laghey - 10.45 am HC  
Donegal - 12 noon HC

### Next Sunday's Service

Laghey - 11.00 am FS

### Readings for Today

**Isaiah 65** :Verses 17-25  
Page 753 of the Bible

**Matthew 25:** Verses 36-44  
Page 995 of the Bible

### Prayer Diary for week ahead

**Monday** - those who maintain order

**Tuesday** - those who maintain the life of the community

**Wednesday**- those who feel unloved

**Thursday**- all Christians in this place

**Friday** - all who seek to bring care and relief

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### Announcements Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 2019

**JOINT SERVICE:** Our Advent Joint Family Service is next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am in Laghey. Children are invited to bring small wrapped gifts of sweets or toiletries which will be given to patients of Donegal Community Hospital and residents of Rowanfield House when we visit for carol singing (on Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Dec).

**Contemporary Worship Service:** Tonight! 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 7.30pm at Laghey (cup of tea from 7pm).

**Donegal Parish Sale:** Heartfelt thanks to everyone who was involved in any way in the sale. The total raised so far is €5,800. A great result!

**Donegal Select Vestry:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm in the hall.

**Donegal Community Hospital Service:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. All are welcome to join with the Hospital and Day Centre for carols and a cup of tea!

**Senior Citizens Waterbus Party:** Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. Boarding at 12.30pm, sailing at 1.00pm. Music & light refreshments. Enquiries to 0749723666.

**Laghey/Ballintra Senior Citizens Christmas Party:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec at 1.30p.m. in the Sandhouse Hotel, Rosstown. Contact Margaret McFadden, Laghey, 074 9722325 before December 3<sup>rd</sup> to book. €15 per person for the meal and entertainment.

**Christmas Day Community Pot Lunch:** Sara Anderson and a few friends are planning an alternative Christmas Day Lunch for anyone who may be looking for something different from the normal family festivities. It will happen at 2.30pm in Donegal Town Methodist Church Hall. Tel 087 7189 620 before 18 Dec to find out more.

**Christmas Party:** The Sunday Schools & Glebe National School Christmas Parties will be held in Glebe N.S. Hall on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Junior Party from 6pm – 7.30pm, for children up to and including 2<sup>nd</sup> class. Senior Party from 8pm – 9.30pm, for children from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class. Parent supervision is required for Junior Party but not for the Senior party. The parties are for all children currently attending Glebe National School and all children currently attending the Sunday Schools of the Donegal Group of Parishes, Donegal Methodist Church and Donegal Presbyterian Church.

**New bishop:** Archdeacon Andrew Forster will be made Bishop of Derry and Raphoe at Armagh Cathedral on 8<sup>th</sup> Dec and installed in Derry on 5<sup>th</sup> Jan and in Raphoe on 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. His first visit to the Donegal Group of Parishes will be on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

**10 for 10:** CofI-Methodist joint discipleship group, meeting on alternate Wednesday nights. Next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> Dec at 8pm in Donegal Methodist Church.

**Sunday Night Youth:** For 6<sup>th</sup> class and up. Meets twice a month from 7:30-9pm in the Presbyterian Church halls. Next date 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.

**The Mustard Seed:** Open every Thursday and Friday 10am-2pm for tea, coffee and freshly made goodies.

**Ladies' Book Group:** The visit of Maud Kells has been deferred to the new year. Meanwhile, you can get going on the next book, John Hindley's 'You can really grow.' Copies available from Bev or at the Mustard Seed priced €6.50.

**Community Leadership Programme:** Run by Donegal ETB with Donegal Local Development. Participants will receive two nationally accredited awards (Working with Groups and Social Analysis). Ideal for people involved in community events, committees etc. More info from Paul Friel 0749168273.