

# 'News Sheet'

## Donegal Group of Parishes



Sun 15th Dec (Advent 3) A warm welcome to you all, especially if you are visiting us today

### Prayer for Today

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen

### Readings for Today

**Genesis 22** :Verses 15-18  
Page 22 of the Bible

**Psalms 85** : Verses 7-13  
Page 690 of the Prayer Book

**Luke 1**: Verses 57-80  
Page 1026 of the Bible

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### Today's Services

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

### Next Sunday's Services

Lough Eske- 9.30 am Carols  
Laghey - 10.45 am Carols  
Donegal - 12 noon FS  
Donegal - 7.30pm Carols

### Prayer Diary for week ahead

**Monday** - our own country

**Tuesday** - the unemployed

**Wednesday**- children deprived of home

**Thursday**- the unity of the Church

**Friday** - the refugees

## Announcements Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 2019

**Christmas Services:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec Normal service times in the morning + Community Carol Service Donegal 7.30pm.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Eve Midnight Communion Laghey 11.00pm.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Day Communion Lough Eske 9.00am, Killymard 10.15am, Donegal 11.30am.

**Carol Singing:** We will visit Donegal Community Hospital and Rowanfield House to sing and distribute presents on Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. Meet in the hospital foyer at 6.30pm. Everyone welcome – the more, the better! Choir practice afterwards at Donegal Church.

**Choir Practices:** Tues 17<sup>th</sup> after carol singing (approx 8.30pm) and Thu 19<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in Donegal Church.

**Carols by Candlelight:** at Rathneeny Presbyterian Church on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 7:30pm.

**New bishop:** our new Bishop, the Rt Rev Andrew Forster, will be installed in St Columb's Cathedral, Derry on 5<sup>th</sup> Jan and in St Eunan's Cathedral Raphoe on 12<sup>th</sup> Jan both at 4pm. All are welcome. On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January the new bishop will visit our group of parishes and preach at the three services.

**The Mustard Seed:** Open every Thursday and Friday 10am-2pm for tea, coffee and freshly made goodies. Also plenty of books, crafts, cards and bags – great Christmas gift options!

**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.

**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<sup>th</sup> Dec to find out more.

**Are you a Community Leader?** Are you the person that gets things done? Donegal ETB in partnership with DLDC and IDP are rolling out a Community Leadership project in Donegal Town in January 2020. Participants will gain a Level 5 award in Working with Groups and gain real Community Leadership skills through tuition and site visits. If interested or for more information, please contact Paul on 074 9178088.

**Christmas Cheer and Crafts** :Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Dec at the Mustard Seed from 12pm - 2 pm. Come and join us for some delicious soup, festive sandwiches and tasty treats. There will also be a variety of Christmas handmade gifts for sale.