



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
Sunday 13th Dec – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Bible Reading for Today – John 1:6-8, 19-23, 29

John the Baptist

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

¹⁹ Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. ²⁰ He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, 'I am not the Messiah.'

²¹ They asked him, 'Then who are you? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.'

²² Finally they said, 'Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?'

²³ John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, 'I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Make straight the way for the Lord."'

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'

Collect 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.

Rector's Thoughts

One of the great things about John the Baptist is the way he is always pointing away from himself and towards Jesus. That should be our ambition too. Let's do all we can to draw people's attention to the One who is the Light of the world and who overcomes all darkness!
With love, David.

In-Church Services

- 9.30 Killymard (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)
Lough Eske (2nd & 4th Sundays)
10.45 Laghey (every Sunday)
12.00 Donegal (every Sunday) + Live streamed.

Online Services (on Facebook Live)

Sun 12 noon, Wed 8pm, Fri 1pm

Announcements

Public Health Info: We are delighted to be able to hold gathered services in church. Please carefully follow all public health guidelines, especially 2m distancing, hand hygiene and face coverings. Everyone aged 13+ should wear a mask.

Christmas Services: Holy Communion Services are planned as follows:

Christmas Eve 24th Dec: 11.00am Killymard, 6.30pm Donegal,* 9.00pm Laghey, 11.30pm Donegal.*

Christmas Day 25th Dec: 9.00am Lough Eske, 10.15am Killymard, 11.30am Laghey.*

* Will also be livestreamed.

We are limited to 50 people per service but with seven services over the two days there should be plenty of room. Please consider coming at one of the earlier times on Christmas Eve. Each service will be the same so please only come once! Plan 'B' – if the above services cannot take place we will instead have online services on 24th at 11pm and 25th at 11am.

Online Carol Service: We will be having this on Sunday 20th Dec at 6.30pm. With readings from Sunday School members and some favourite carols. On our Facebook page (Donegal Group of Parishes).

The Mustard Seed: Open on Tuesdays and Fridays 10.30am to 2pm. A special word of thanks to those who donated to the Mustard Seed Food/Toy Appeal. It is greatly appreciated.

Giving by Standing Order: Your New Year's resolution for 2021 is to set up a Standing Order to give your weekly or monthly donation to the parish automatically. It's easy to set up; you simply give your bank the parish's account number and tell them how much you want to give and how often. Contact Louise or your parish treasurer for full details.

Help is available: Please remember that if you have any practical or spiritual need you can seek assistance by contacting the Rector or Parish Outreach Worker (see details below).

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