



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
28th November 2021 – First Sunday of Advent

Bible Reading for Today – Luke 21:25-36

²⁵ 'There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' ²⁹ He told them this parable: 'Look at the fig-tree and all the trees. ³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. ³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² 'Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. ³⁴ 'Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.'

Collect 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.


Rector's Thoughts

There's a bit more to Advent than Christmas shopping and chocolate calendars – it's also a time to reflect on Jesus' first and second comings. A time to be careful and prayerful, mindful that the Lord is coming again to judge and to save. It's a sobering and yet hope-filled time. Have a good Advent!

With love, David

Prayer Points

 **Give thanks for...** the first and second comings of Jesus our Saviour.

 **Pray for...** a good Advent; faith and hope. Help for the hurting.

Phone Service

074 9710199 any time

Online Services

Wed 8pm, Fri 1pm Sun 12

In-Church Services

9.30 Killymard (1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday)
Lough Eske (2nd & 4th Sunday)
10.45 Laghey (every Sunday)
12.00 Donegal (every Sunday)

Announcements

Services Nov/Dec: 28th Nov Holy Communion* Lough Eske, Morning Prayer Laghey & Donegal. *NB change
5th Dec Holy Communion Killymard, Laghey & Donegal.
12th Dec Morning Prayer Lough Eske, Laghey & Donegal

Christmas: With new guidelines once again restricting singing in church, it looks like any carol singing will be outdoors. We hope to have our Christmas Communion services over 24th & 25th Dec. Full details to follow soon...

Advent adventure: All-age, all-weather, Covid-safe fun @ rectory grounds Sun 12th Dec 3-5pm. Treasure hunt, carols etc!

Friday Night Youth: For Secondary age. 3rd & 17th Dec 7.30pm @ Presbyterian Hall. Contact S Richmond.

The Mustard Seed: Open Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30-2pm. Outdoor area or indoors with Covid cert. Prayer time Thu @1230. Coffee Morning in aid of Donegal Food Banks Sat 27th Nov. Items for the Food Bank can be dropped off that day.

Laghey Hall Survey: Please take the online survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/QSHKJKV or via the Facebook page.

Christmas Wreath Festival: Donegal Methodist Church Fri 3rd – Mon 6th Dec. In aid of church funds and Alzheimer Soc.

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