



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
5th December 2021 – Second Sunday of Advent

Bible Reading for Today – Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.

⁶ And all people will see God’s salvation.’

Collect for Today

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: Give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector’s Thoughts

*‘On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and harken! For he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.’*

*It’s a pity we’re not able to belt out the great
Advent hymns at full volume in church!
Nonetheless, we can heed their message,
and make straight the way of the Lord by
opening our hearts to him.*

With love, David

Prayer Points

 **Give thanks for...** John’s message of repentance and faith.

 **Pray for...** wisdom, strength and guidance in challenging times.

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 December: 5th Dec Holy Communion Killymard 9.30am, Laghey 10.45am, Donegal 12.00.
12th Dec Morning Prayer Lough Eske 9.30am, Laghey 10.45am, Donegal 12.00.
19th Dec Morning Prayer Killymard 9.30am, Laghey 10.45am, Donegal 12.00.
24th Christmas Eve Holy Communion Laghey **11.00pm**.
25th Christmas Day Holy Communion L Eske **9.00am**, Killymard **10.15am**, Donegal **11.30am**.
26th St Stephen’s Day/Boxing Day Holy Communion Laghey **11.00am**.

Advent adventure: All-age, all-weather, Covid-safe fun @ Rectory grounds Sun 12th Dec 3-5pm. Treasure hunt 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. Thank you to all who supported our Coffee Morning on 27th. We are still collecting items for the Food Appeal.

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

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