



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
12th December 2021 – Third Sunday of Advent

Bible Reading for Today – Philippians 4:4-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

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

The passage opposite is one of the set readings for this Sunday and although it may not seem very Christmassy, it is highly relevant to this time of year, when there can be a lot of stress and anxiety. We are advised to turn our worries into prayers and so find the peace which passes understanding. I certainly find myself turning to this promise again and again. I hope you do too.

*Grace and peace,
David.*

Prayer Points

 **Give thanks for...** the peace of God from the God of peace.

 **Pray for...** more thanksgiving, less anxiety, and a really good Advent.

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)

Phone Service

074 9710199 any time

Online Services

Wed 8pm, Fri 1pm Sun 12

Announcements

Services in December: 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, outdoor fun. Rectory grounds Sun 12th Dec 3-5pm. Advent trail & refreshments.

Outdoor Carols: At the Rectory grounds Sunday 19th December at 3.30pm. We'll gather outdoors, socially distanced, to sing Christmas Carols and hear Christmas readings. Come dressed for all weathers. Bring a seat if desired.

Friday Night Youth: For Secondary age. 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.

Don't Forget: Our online services continue on Wed nights at 8pm. The one on 22nd Dec will be an online Carol Service.

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