



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
19th December 2021 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Bible Reading for Today – Luke 1:39-45

³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³ But why am I so favoured, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil his promises to her!

Collect for Today

God our Redeemer, who prepared the blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: Grant that, as she looked for his coming as our Saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our Judge; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

This week our reading brings home to us the wonderful role of Mary as the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. Elizabeth's baby, John, leaped in her womb as he recognised the presence of the Saviour. What an amazing thing it is that God became human, grew in his mother's womb, and was born as a baby. The Creator of the Universe made himself small and vulnerable. Let's not lose our sense of wonder and joy at our all-gracious God and his astonishing rescue plan for fallen humanity!

*The Lord be with you,
David.*

🙏 Prayer Points 🙏



Give thanks for... the glorious mystery of Christ's Incarnation.



Pray for... all who need to know God's healing presence in their life.

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 Dec & Jan: 19th Dec Morning Prayer Killymard 9.30am, Laghey 10.45am, Donegal 12.00. + **Carols 3.30pm.**
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.**
2nd Jan: First Morning Prayer of 2022: Killymard 9.30am, Laghey 10.45am, Donegal 12.00.

Outdoor Carols: At the Rectory grounds Sunday 19th December at 3.30pm. Outdoor, socially distanced, Carol singing and readings. Come dressed for all weathers. Bring a seat if desired. Park at road or school if possible; at Rectory if necessary.

The Mustard Seed: Open next Wed 22nd Dec, closed Thu & Fri 23rd & 24th. Re-opens Wed 5th Jan 2022.

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

Online Carols: Our Wednesday Worship on 22nd Dec at 8pm will be an online Carol Service on our Facebook page.

Covid-19: In light of rising case numbers, let's be extra careful to follow the public health advice for reducing the spread of Covid-19. It's part of our Christian duty to love our neighbours as ourselves and to honour those in authority.

Please: Make the Treasurer's Christmas a happy one by having all monies due for 2021 paid by the last service this month (envelopes, gift day, sustentation, harvest, orphans, leprosy, bishops' appeal etc. etc.). Many thanks!

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