



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey  
13<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent

## Bible Reading for Today – Psalm 1

- 1 Blessed are they who have not walked  
in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 Like a tree planted by streams of water  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither,  
whatever they do, it shall prosper.
- 4 As for the wicked, it is not so with them;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement,  
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall perish.

## Collect for Today

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: Give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise; that, among the many changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Rector's Thoughts

*Why do some people stay 'evergreen' in times of difficulty, while others wither and fall? Psalm 1 gives at least part of the answer: those who take delight in God's word, constantly reflecting on it and praying through it, find they have a 'stream of living water' to sustain them. Maybe you found some good habits of reading, walking, praying or resting during lockdown and you need to continue them now. Perhaps instead of going 'back to normal' you need to advance into a deeper relationship with the Lord. Lent (starting 2<sup>nd</sup> March) is a great time to prioritise such things.*

## In-Church Services

- 9.30 Killymard (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)  
Lough Eske (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)  
10.45 Laghey (every Sunday)  
12.00 Donegal (every Sunday)\*  
\* also live-streamed

## Prayer Points



### Give thanks for...

The delightful law of the Lord.



### Pray for...

All recently bereaved families.

## Online Services

Wed 8pm Fri 1pm Sun 12noon

Phone Service 074 9710199

## Announcements

**Sunday Services:** 13<sup>th</sup> Feb Communion (LE), Morning Prayer (L & D); 20<sup>th</sup> Feb Morning Prayer (K, L & D); 27<sup>th</sup> Feb Family Service (LE, L & D). General pattern is HC on first & second Sunday of month and Family Service on fourth Sunday.

**The Mustard Seed:** The Tea Room is looking great following some work and will be re-opening very soon...!

**Sunday Schools:** Donegal Sunday School is re-starting once a month; first one on Feb 13<sup>th</sup>. Laghey hopefully soon too.

**Prayer Walk:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. Meet outside the Mustard Seed at 3pm for a 45 min walk in pairs, praying about what we see and listening for what the Holy Spirit might be saying to us. All are welcome. Fully outdoor event.

**Ash Wednesday:** The beginning of Lent will be marked with a service on Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 8pm in Donegal Church.

**Prayer Course:** Current plan is to run this course in person on Tuesday nights starting 8<sup>th</sup> March. Learning about all aspects of prayer, using the Lord's Prayer as the basis. See more at [prayercourse.org](http://prayercourse.org).

**Good News Club:** Kids' Bible club on Zoom, 6.30pm on Mondays from 7<sup>th</sup> Feb for 5 weeks. Visit [cefsligo.com](http://cefsligo.com) to sign up.

**Vestry Meetings:** Donegal Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February, Killymard Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Both at 8pm.

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