



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey  
27<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)

## Bible Reading for Today – Exodus 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup> Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, <sup>2</sup> and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. <sup>3</sup> But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. <sup>4</sup> His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. <sup>5</sup> Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river-bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. <sup>6</sup> She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. 'This is one of the Hebrew babies,' she said. <sup>7</sup> Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?' <sup>8</sup> 'Yes, go,' she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. <sup>9</sup> Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you.' So the woman took the baby and nursed him. <sup>10</sup> When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, 'I drew him out of the water.'

## Collect for Today

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: Strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Rector's Thoughts

*There are some amazing mothers in the Bible: Mary, Elizabeth and Hannah all come to mind. Moses' mother Jochebed faced the terrible dilemma of how to protect her infant son from a murderous ruler – a situation all too familiar today. Thankfully God was at work and baby Moses was spared, going on to have a crucial role in God's plans. Nothing is too difficult for God! Happy Mothers' Day!*

## 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)

## Online Services

Wed 8pm Fri 1pm Sun 12

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## Prayer Points



**Give thanks for...** Mothers, grandmothers and all who play a caring role.



**Pray for...** families in Ukraine and other troubled places. God to bring good out of evil.

## Announcements

**Services:** 27 March HC (LE), Family Service (L&D). 3 April MP (K,L&D). 10 April MP (LE,L&D). 17 April Easter – see below.

**Holy Week & Easter:** Holy Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Apr 8pm Methodist Church. Maundy Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Apr 8pm Presbyterian Church. Good Friday 11am Donegal, 8.30pm Killymard. Easter Day Communion 8.30 LE, 9.30 K, 10.45 L, 12.00 D. Dawn service tbc.

**Sunday Schools:** Donegal and Laghey Sunday Schools are now both running once a month; next one on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Ukraine:** Donate to Bishops' Appeal collection this Sunday. To register accommodation, [registerofpledges.redcross.ie](http://registerofpledges.redcross.ie).

**The Mustard Seed:** Open Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30 – 2pm. **Prayer Meeting:** For Lorna Mahon & family, Cully Hall, 27<sup>th</sup> 6pm.

**Covid-19:** Face coverings are now optional in church. Stay home if you have any symptoms or a positive test.

**Easter Vestry dates:** L Eske Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Apr, Killymard Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Apr, Donegal Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Apr, Laghey Mon 9<sup>th</sup> May. All 8pm.

**Upcoming events:** In the coming months we hope to have some initiatives and events including a clothing collection for Laghey, a strawberry tea in Donegal and a possible joint Killymard-Lough Eske event. 2022 is the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish of Donegal and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 'marriage' of Killymard and Lough Eske so these will be celebrated.

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