



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey  
20<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022 – The Sunday before Advent

## Bible Reading for Today – Luke 23:39-43

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Jesus: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence?" <sup>41</sup> We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

## Collect for Today

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Rector's Thoughts

*You, Christ, are the King of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you took our flesh to set us free,  
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all  
believers...  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood.*  
– from the canticle *Te Deum*

## 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*



## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## Prayer Points

 **Thanks:** Jesus is King!  **Prayer:** Living as subjects of King Jesus.

## Announcements

**Sunday Services:** 20<sup>th</sup> Nov MP (K,L,D). 27<sup>th</sup> Nov FS (LE,L,D). 4<sup>th</sup> Dec HC (K,L,D). 11<sup>th</sup> Dec HC (LE), MP (L,D).

**Remembrance Sunday:** Will be marked on 20<sup>th</sup> Nov in Killymard (was marked on 13<sup>th</sup> in the other churches).

**Community Carol Service:** is back for the first time since 2019! On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm in Donegal Church.

**Contemporary Worship Service:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7.00pm for tea, 7.30pm for worship @ Laghey Parish Church.

**Sunday Schools:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month in Laghey & Donegal. Family service on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month.

**The Mustard Seed:** Open Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30am–2pm. **Prayer on Fridays** 12.30pm (@ M Seed) – come and join us!

**Groceries appeal:** Basic groceries & personal care items for struggling families can be left during M Seed opening times.

**Joint Bible Study:** Continues Wed 8pm in Donegal C of I Hall / Thu 11am in Presbyterian Hall. Ends 30<sup>th</sup> Nov / 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.

**Confirmation:** Will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023 in Donegal Church at 1200. For those in 6<sup>th</sup> class and above. Details of how to register will follow in January, along with a schedule of classes which need to be attended.

**2023 Parish Calendar:** Have you taken a nice photo of one of our 4 churches? Email it in by 21<sup>st</sup> Nov for possible use.

**Ballintra & Laghey Care of the Elderly:** Christmas Party Sandhouse Hotel, Rossnowlagh Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2nd 1.30pm. To attend please inform Margaret McFadden 074 97 22325 by Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. Cost will be €15 per person.

**Craft Fair:** Killaghtee Hall Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 11am – 4pm. Refreshments served. **Living Nativity:** 2/3 Dec Don. Meth. Church.

**Concert:** Seven Towers Male Voice Choir, Drumholm Parish Church Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Nov at 8pm. Admission €10 at door.

**Christmas Book:** The Revd John Montgomery has published a beautiful children's book 'The Year Before Christmas' which is on sale for €6 at church or the Mustard Seed. Proceeds to the Methodist Child Care Society.

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