



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
27th Nov 2022 – The First Sunday of Advent

Bible Reading for Today – Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶ 'But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴² 'Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Phone Service

074 9710199

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon



Prayer Points

Thanks: Jesus is coming! **Prayer:** the suffering

Collect for Today

Almighty God, Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

Advent begins on 27th Nov this year. It's not only a countdown to Christmas but also looks ahead to the coming of Christ as Judge and Saviour. It's a hope-filled time in which to give serious thought to the future and our place in it.

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) + *online*

Announcements

**** JOINT SERVICE: We will hold a Joint Family Service on Sunday 11th December at 11.00am in Laghey Church ****

Sunday Services: 27th Nov FS (LE,L,D). 4th Dec HC (K,L,D). 11th Dec Joint Service 11am + Carols 7.30pm. 18th Dec MP (K,L,D).

Community Carol Service: Sunday 11th Dec 7.30pm Donegal. **Contemporary Worship:** Sunday 4th Dec, 7.30pm Laghey.

Choir practice: Tuesday 6th Dec 7pm Donegal Church. **Prayer Meeting:** Tuesday 6th Dec 8pm Donegal Hall.

Glebe National School Carol Service: Wednesday 7th Dec at 7pm in Donegal Church, all are welcome. Tea after.

Christmas Services: Christmas Eve Donegal 11pm. Christmas Day L Eske 9am, Killymard 10.15am, Laghey 11.30am.

Sunday Schools: 1st & 3rd Sunday of month in Laghey & Donegal. Family service on 4th 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.

Confirmation: On Sunday 18th June 2023 in Donegal Church at 1200. For those in 6th class and above. Details in January.

Ballintra/Laghey: Elderly Xmas Party, Sandhouse Fri 2nd Dec 1.30pm. €15. Ring Margaret McFadden 074 97 22325 by 30th

Christmas Book: Revd John Montgomery's children's book 'The Year Before Christmas' is on sale for €6 at church or the Mustard Seed. Proceeds to the Methodist Child Care Society. **Living Nativity:** 2nd & 3rd Dec Donegal Methodist Church.

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