



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey  
4<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022 – The Second Sunday of Advent

## Bible Reading for Today – Matthew 3:1-6

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea <sup>2</sup>and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>3</sup>This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

'A voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
"Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.'"

<sup>4</sup>John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt round his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup>Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan.

## Collect for Today

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: Give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Rector's Thoughts

*'Getting ready for Jesus' is the theme of our Bible reading this week and it's a very suitable one for Advent.*

*Please take note of Sunday week 11<sup>th</sup> Dec when we will have our Joint Service in the morning at 11am and our Community Carol Service in the evening at 7.30pm.*

*Details of Christmas Eve & Christmas Day are below too. And to cap it all, your 2023 calendar will be arriving soon!*

*Blessings, David*

## 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:** Hope for the world. **Prayer:** Ukraine, Mica, sickness, opportunity.

## Announcements

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

**Hospital singing & gifts:** We hope to take a small group carol-singing in Donegal Hospital and to give out gifts. Small wrapped gifts of sweets or toiletries can be brought to the joint service on 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. Visit to hospital probably 12/13 Dec.

**Community Carol Service:** Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm D. With local choirs. Collection: Bluestack Special Needs Foundation.

**Sunday Services:** 4<sup>th</sup> Dec HC (K,L,D). 11<sup>th</sup> Dec Joint Service L 11am + Carols D 7.30pm. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec MP (K,L,D).

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

**Contemporary Worship:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7 for 7.30pm Laghey. **Prayer Meeting:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 8pm Donegal Hall.

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

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

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

**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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec Donegal Methodist Church.

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