



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
25th Dec 2022 – Christmas Day

Bible Reading for Today – John 1:1-14

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... ⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Collect for Today

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at the Rectory! There is so much to give thanks for as we look back at 2022. Of course, there has been sadness too, and we remember those we have lost in the past year.

Christmas reminds us of the greatest blessing of all – God with us – and I really hope that you can join one of our church services as together we mark the great news of Jesus' birth.

*Nollaig Shona!
David & family*

In-Church Services NB 25th Dec

9.30 Killymard (1st, 3rd, 5th Sun)
Lough Eske (2nd & 4th Sun)
10.45 Laghey (every Sunday)
12.00 Donegal (every Sunday) +online

Prayer Points

Thanks: God's most wonderful gift – Jesus.

Prayer: the homeless, the sick, the lost, the lonely. Peace & hope. All who are far from home. Sharing God's love.

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

Happy Christmas! A very blessed Christmas season to everyone. This is the last Parish Update of 2022. Back on 8th Jan.

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

Sundays: 1st Jan MP (K,L,D). 8th Jan MP (LE,L,D). 15th Jan MP (K,L,D). 22nd Jan MP (LE,L,D). 29th Jan Family Service (K,L,D).

Prayer Meeting: Tuesday 3rd Jan 8pm in Donegal Church Hall. **Contemporary Service:** 8th Jan 7.30pm Methodist Church.

The Mustard Seed: Open Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30am–2pm. Closing Fri 23rd at 2pm for Christmas break but will be open Thurs 29th Dec 11am–2pm. Re opening Wed 11th Jan. **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.

Grants: Speak confidentially to the Rector for more information about grants for households in financial stress.

Wellness Café: At the Abbey Hotel every other Thursday 10:30-12:30 starting 5th Jan. Connect and socialise together.

Envelopes: (Laghey & Donegal) Please pick up your 2023 envelopes and please fill in a tax rebate form. Thank you!

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