



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023 – The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

## Bible Reading for Today – Matthew 3:13-17

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?'

<sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, 'Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness.' Then John consented.

<sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptised, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'

## Collect for Today

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Rector's Thoughts

*Last week I took part in the Irish Preachers' Conference in Gorey, Co. Wexford. It was encouraging to be with over 100 people involved in ministry in the Republic of Ireland. We were of different backgrounds, ages and nationalities, and serving in different churches, but united in our love for Jesus Christ and our commitment to teach the good news of his grace.*

*As the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus at his baptism, empowering him for ministry, let's pray for the Spirit to fill us and make us effective in our serving of the Lord in 2023.*

*With love, David.*

## In-Church Services

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

## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## Prayer Points

**Thanks:** The churches in Ireland. The freedom of worship we enjoy in this country. The work God is doing across the world. Our baptism into Christ.

**Prayer:** Preachers and teachers of the word of God. Faithfulness, wisdom and clarity. Schools, Sunday Schools, Bible study groups and all places where the Christian faith is taught. Pray also for the sick, homeless, troubled and hurting. For all who do not feel loved or understood.

## Announcements

**Sundays:** 15<sup>th</sup> Jan MP (K,L,D). 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan MP (LE,L,D). 29<sup>th</sup> Jan Family Service (K,L,D). 5<sup>th</sup> Feb HC (K,L,D).

**Sunday Schools:** At Laghey and Donegal, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month (not in school holidays). Next one = 15<sup>th</sup> January.

**Sarah's Mission Updates:** It was great to have Sarah with us last week to update us on her mission work in Eastern Europe/Western Asia. If you would like to receive prayer updates by email please contact the parish email address below.

**The Mustard Seed:** Open Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30am – 2pm with Prayer on Fridays @ 12.30pm. Thanks to all who have contributed to groceries collection.

**Grants:** Please remember that there are some charitable grants available for households that may be having difficulty in the present financial climate. Speak confidentially to the Rector for more information.

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

**Standing Orders:** Remember you can give to church by an automatic Standing Order – speak to your Treasurer or Louise for details. NB Killymard Parishioners – remember to use the new AIB account as the Ulster Bank one will soon close.

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