



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey  
26<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – The First Sunday in Lent

## Bible Reading for Today – Matthew 4: 1-11

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> After fasting for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came to him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.' <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup> 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."' <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, 'It is also written: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. <sup>9</sup> 'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.'

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."'

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

## Collect for Today

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: Give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Rector's Thoughts

*Jesus overcame the temptations of the devil during his forty-day wilderness experience, leaving us an example of how to resist wrongdoing through trusting the word of God. More than that, he also reversed the actions of Adam and Eve, who fell into sin through craftiness of Satan. That's why the New Testament calls Jesus 'the last Adam' (1 Cor 15:45). He is our Saviour from sin & Satan.*

*Blessings, 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

## Prayer Points

**Thanks:** The victory of Jesus over sin & Satan. All his gifts & grace.

**Prayer:** Strength when tempted. Ukraine war, Turkey earthquake, Nigeria elections. Mica homes.

## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## Announcements

**Sunday services:** 26<sup>th</sup> Feb Family Service (LE,L,D), 5<sup>th</sup> Mar HC (K,L,D), 12<sup>th</sup> Mar HC (LE), MP (L,D) 19<sup>th</sup> Mar MP (K,L,D).

**Joint Bible Study:** Throughout March we will be joining with the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches for a joint Bible study group, with the option of attending on Wednesdays evenings (8pm @ Donegal C of I Hall) or Thursday mornings (11am @ Donegal Presbyterian Hall). Beginning 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Looking at 'Encounters with Jesus' from the Gospels.

**Sunday Schools:** Laghey and Donegal, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month (except in school holidays). Next one = 5<sup>th</sup> March.

**The Mustard Seed:** Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30am – 2pm. Prayer on Fridays @ 12.30pm. Syria/Turkey collection raised €707.70.

**2022 Monies:** Please send in all envelopes, sustentation etc. ASAP. **St Patrick's Day:** Service @ Donegal Church 11.00am.

**Special Collection:** For Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief Fund, at back of church throughout Feb. €1194 raised so far. Tk u!

**Contemporary Worship:** 5<sup>th</sup> Mar 7.30pm Methodist Church. **Confirmation:** Classes begin Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 6pm @ Laghey.

**Derry & Raphoe Youth Weekend:** 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> March, Gortin Activity Centre. Secondary school age. More info from Rector.

**Help using your mobile phone:** Free classes, contact Trisha Donegal ETB 0868207338. Learn about apps, video calls etc.

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