



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

19<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent; Mothering Sunday

## Bible Reading for Today – John 9: 1-7

<sup>1</sup> As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' <sup>3</sup> 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned,' said Jesus, 'but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.'

<sup>6</sup> After saying this, he spat on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. <sup>7</sup> 'Go,' he told him, 'wash in the Pool of Siloam' (this word means 'Sent'). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

## Collect for Today

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: Give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Rector's Thoughts



A Prayer for Mothering Sunday:

*O God our Father, bless our homes and make them your dwelling-place. Keep us faithful to you and helpful to one another, for the sake of him who shared an earthly home at Nazareth, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.*

## 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:** Jesus, the Light of the world. Mothers & Grandmothers.

**Prayer:** Family life; the churches in Ireland; the blind; confirmation class; our troubled world.

## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

## Phone Service

074 9710199

A Prayer for St Patrick's Day:



*Hear us, most merciful God, for that part of the Church which through your servant Patrick you planted in our land; that it may hold fast the faith entrusted to the saints and in the end bear much fruit to eternal life: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Announcements

**Sunday services:** 19<sup>th</sup> Mar MP (K,L,D); 26<sup>th</sup> Mar Family Service (LE,L,D); 2<sup>nd</sup> April MP (K,L,D); 9<sup>th</sup> April Easter (see below)

**St Patrick's Day:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March HC @ Donegal Church 11.00am. Come and celebrate 'the Apostle of Ireland.'

**Joint Bible Study:** Wednesdays @ 8pm Donegal C of I Hall or Thursdays @ 11am Donegal Presbyterian Hall in March.

**Sunday Schools:** Laghey and Donegal, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month (except in school holidays). Next one = 19<sup>th</sup> March.

**The Mustard Seed:** Wed, Thu 10.30am–2pm. Closed St Patricks Day. Total of €167.25 was collected for Women's Aid.

**Holy Week:** Palm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7.30pm Contemporary Service Laghey. Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Apr 8pm Methodist Church. Maundy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Apr 8pm Presbyterian Church. Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Apr 11.00am Donegal Church, 8pm Christ Church Lough Eske.

**Easter Day:** 6.30am Dawn Service, Old Abbey. Communion: 8.30 Lough Eske, 9.30 Killymard, 10.45 Laghey, 12.00 Donegal.

**Easter General Vestry:** (Parish AGMs) L Eske Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April, Killymard Tue 18<sup>th</sup>, Laghey Mon 24<sup>th</sup>, Donegal Tue 25<sup>th</sup>. 8pm.

**DPOS:** Orphan collection is around this time of year. New collectors are welcome. There will also be envelopes in church.

**Onward:** Youth event for anyone aged 11+ held in Derry on Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April. Contact Rev Stephen Richmond 0861953833.

**Fun Day:** For children with additional needs. Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> April @ Oakfield Park. Run by Derry & Raphoe Children's Ministry.

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