# Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

## Bible Reading for Today – Matthew 21:1-11

<sup>1</sup> As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, 'Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.' <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet: <sup>5</sup> 'Say to Daughter Zion, "See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."'

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!' 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!' 'Hosanna in the highest heaven!' <sup>10</sup> When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, 'Who is this?' <sup>11</sup> The crowds answered, 'This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.'

#### **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 love of Christ. His gentle rule as King.

**Prayer:** True praise & testimony to Jesus. The world and its rulers. The bereaved.

### **Collect for Today**

Almighty and everlasting God, who, in your tender love towards the human race, sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: Grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Rector's Thoughts

Please pray for the services and events being held over Holy Week and Easter, as we recall our Lord's passion, death and resurrection – the events which are the foundation of our Christian faith.

Thank you, Jesus, for your amazing love.

Blessings, David.

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#### Announcements

Sunday services: 2<sup>nd</sup> April Morning Prayer (K,L,D); 9<sup>th</sup> April Easter Services (see below); 16<sup>th</sup> April MP (K,L,D). **Sunday Schools:** Laghey & Donegal, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays. Next = 2<sup>nd</sup> April. **Prayer Meeting**: Tue 4<sup>th</sup> April 8pm Donegal. **Contemporary Worship Service:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7.30pm Laghey (cup of tea from 7pm). Worship, teaching, prayer. The Mustard Seed: Open Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30am–2pm. Prayer time for all on Fridays at 12.30pm. Palm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Contemporary Service 7.30pm @ Laghey. **Holy Week:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April Joint Service 8pm @ Methodist Church. Maundy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April Communion 8pm @ Presbyterian Church. Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April Services 11.00am @ Donegal Parish Church; 8pm @ Christ Church Lough Eske. 6.30am Dawn Service @ Old Abbey (breakfast @ Rectory afterwards). **Easter Day:** Holy Communion Services: 8.30 Lough Eske, 9.30 Killymard, 10.45 Laghey, 12.00 Donegal. Easter Fun: Easter egg hunt and other fun activities for all ages! Easter Day 9th April 3-5pm at the Rectory. 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. Quiet Day: Sat 29th April at Carrigart. Contact Rev Stephen Richmond 086 1953833. Contact: Archdeacon David Huss: 074 9721075 or 087 2882484 ~ Parish Office & The Mustard Seed: 074 9702329 Email: donegalparish4@gmail.com ~ Facebook / Instagram / YouTube / Twitter @DonegalGroupofParishes Web: donegal.raphoe.anglican.org ~ Safeguarding info: donegal.raphoe.anglican.org/safeguarding