



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey  
30<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

## Bible Reading for Today – John 10:7-10

<sup>7</sup> Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

## Collect for Today

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: Raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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*

## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## Rector's Thoughts

Again I had to shorten the reading this week as there are so many announcements to fit in. But even these four verses are full of gold! Jesus came to lead us in to life in all its fulness. He is both the Shepherd and the Gate for the sheep. Listen for his voice, and follow him!

*With love, David*

## Prayer Points

**Thanks:** Fulness of life through Jesus Christ. Signs of hope and recovery after Covid-affected years. Churchwardens, Treasurers & other officers.

**Prayer:** Inver: new rector. Confirmation group. Outreach of Mustard Seed.

## Announcements

**Sunday services:** 30<sup>th</sup> April MP (K,L,D); 7<sup>th</sup> May HC (K,L,D); 14<sup>th</sup> May HC (LE), MP (L,D); 21<sup>st</sup> May MP (K,L,D).

**Sunday Schools:** Laghey & Donegal, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays (except school holidays). Next one will be on 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**The Mustard Seed:** Open Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30am–2pm. Prayer time for all on Fridays at 12.30pm.

**Prayer Meeting:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 8pm in Donegal Church Hall. One hour to pray for our parish, community & world.

**Easter Vestries:** Thanks to all who attended our Parish AGMs and have taken on roles & responsibilities.

**Laghey Roof Meeting:** Information and planning about the need for a new church roof. Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm in Laghey.

**Holy Communion:** During the Pandemic the bishops gave permission for communion wine to be served in individual cups. This permission is being withdrawn at the end of May and we will return to the shared chalice beginning on 4<sup>th</sup> June. With careful wiping of the chalice the risk is very low. As before, please refrain from taking the cup if you are unwell.

**Upcoming events:** Sunday School prizegiving 28<sup>th</sup> May. Confirmation 18<sup>th</sup> June. Details to follow.

**Summer opportunities:** We highly recommend [Summer Madness](#) (30<sup>th</sup> June – 4<sup>th</sup> July in Portglenone) and [New Wine](#) (9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July in Sligo) as opportunities for fun, fellowship and spiritual growth. Summer Madness is a Christian youth festival. We are taking a group with Derry & Raphoe Youth. New Wine is a conference for all ages with worship, teaching & more.

**Donegal Protestant Orphan Society:** AGM in Conwal Church Letterkenny Wed 17<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm.

**New Rector:** A warm welcome to the Revd Susan Elliott who will be instituted as Rector of Inver, Mountcharles, Killaghtee and Killybegs on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.30pm in Inver Church. Every blessing to Susan and her husband Don.

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