



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

## Bible Reading for Today – John 14:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup>You know the way to the place where I am going. <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' <sup>6</sup>Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.'

## Collect for Today

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. 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 Way, Truth and Life. Hope & Joy

**Prayer:** Rev Susan (Inver). Rick & Alannah (Nigeria). Those for care for others. Our neighbours in the UK. Gospel outreach.

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

## Rector's Thoughts

"I am the Way, and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Only Jesus can bring us to God because only he has come from God. Other philosophies and religions contain elements of truth, but only Christ has the fulness and can truly open the door to eternal life. *Blessings, David*

## Announcements

**Sunday services:** 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); 28<sup>th</sup> May FS (LE,L,D).

**Contemporary Worship Service:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in Donegal Methodist Church. Cup of tea from 7.00pm.

**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.

**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.

**Confirmation Service:** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 12.00noon in Donegal Church. This will be the only service on that day.

**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.

**DPOS:** AGM in Conwal Church Letterkenny Wed 17<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm. **Concert:** Stranorlar Church Hall 13<sup>th</sup> May 8pm.

**Rathneeny Presbyterian:** A service of praise and testimony with Rev Gordy McCracken Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm.

**General Synod:** Church of Ireland 'AGM' 12-13 May, Wexford. Nuala, William, Robert & David are members. Please pray.

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