



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey  
28<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – The Day of Pentecost (Whitsunday)

## Bible Reading for Today – Acts 2:1-8

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. <sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?' <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?

## Collect for Today

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:

By the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Rector's Thoughts

Happy Pentecost! On the 50<sup>th</sup> day from Easter, the Holy Spirit came to equip the disciples to bring the gospel to the nations, and the world has never been the same since!

Let's pray earnestly for the gifts, power and fruit of the Spirit today.

The Lord bless you. DH

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

## 🙏 Prayer Points 🙏

**Thanks:** The Holy Spirit; his grace, love & power.

**Prayer:** The fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness & self-control.

## 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*

## Announcements

**Sunday services:** 28 May FS (LE,L,D); 4<sup>th</sup> Jun HC (K,L,D); 11<sup>th</sup> June MP (LE,L,D); 18<sup>th</sup> June Confirmation; 25<sup>th</sup> June HC (LE,L,D).

**Family Services:** On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May we will be having Family Services as we mark Pentecost Sunday.

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

**Laghey Roof:** We had a good meeting on Wednesday night – thank you to all who came. Listen out for updates about this important project to re-roof the church and let us know how you can be involved, email [lagheyroof@gmail.com](mailto:lagheyroof@gmail.com).

**Holy Communion:** A reminder that we will return to the shared chalice for communion wine beginning on 4<sup>th</sup> June.

**Confirmation Service:** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 12.00noon in Donegal Church (only service that day). Holy Communion the following Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June in all our morning services, including Lough Eske, with Bible teaching about the Lord's Supper.

**Summer opportunities:** We highly recommend [Summer Madness](#) (Christian youth festival in Portglenone 30<sup>th</sup> June – 4<sup>th</sup> July) and [New Wine](#) (conference for all ages in Sligo 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July). Visit the websites or speak to the rector for more info.

**Derry & Raphoe Family Fun Day:** Sat 10<sup>th</sup> June 10am – 3pm @ Ulster American Folk Park. [kirsty@derryandraphoe.org](mailto:kirsty@derryandraphoe.org)

**St. Columba Celebration:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 3pm at Gartan Abbey (St Colmcille's birthplace). Service for all ages.

**Prayer Room:** At Donegal Methodist Church Sat 27<sup>th</sup> May 8am – 9pm. Drop in at any stage. Theme = Psalm 23.

**Parish Picnic:** is being planned for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June from around 4.30pm at the Holmes beach. Fun for everyone!

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