



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey  
11<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – St Barnabas' Day & 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity

## Bible Reading for Today – Acts 11: 19-26

<sup>19</sup> Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. <sup>20</sup> Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup> The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. <sup>22</sup> News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup> When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. <sup>24</sup> He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. <sup>25</sup> Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, <sup>26</sup> and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

## Collect for Today

Bountiful God, giver of all gifts, who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas: Help us, by his example, to be generous in all our judgments, and unselfish in our service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Rector's Thoughts

### Encouragement

11<sup>th</sup> June is St Barnabas' Day. A hero of the early church, this Jewish man from Cyprus was originally named Joseph, but the apostles gave him the nickname 'Barnabas' meaning 'Son of Encouragement.' Join us on Sunday to find out more about what Barnabas can teach us today, when encouragement is so greatly needed!

## 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 Holy Spirit.  
Encouragers of all kinds.

**Prayer:** Confirmation. All who are unwell. Ukraine.

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

## Announcements

**Sunday services:** 11<sup>th</sup> June MP (LE,L,D); 18<sup>th</sup> June Confirmation; 25<sup>th</sup> June HC (LE,L,D); 2<sup>nd</sup> July MP (K,L,D); 9 July MP (LE,L,D).

**Confirmation Service:** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 12.00noon in Donegal Church (the 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.

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

**Parish Picnic:** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June at the Holmes beach from 5.30pm (later time to avoid clash with Doorin Rock Service).

**Laghey Roof:** Parishioners have been updated about the project to re-roof the church. There is lots of work to be done – let us know how you can be involved, email [lagheyroof@gmail.com](mailto:lagheyroof@gmail.com). Any questions about the project, talk to the rector.

**Summer Events:** Pray for the young people going to Summer Madness (Youth festival Portglenone 30<sup>th</sup> June – 4<sup>th</sup> July) and remember you can get day tickets for New Wine (conference for all ages in Sligo 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July). Well recommended!

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

**CIEF:** Church of Ireland Evangelical Fellowship event with theologian Rev Dr Ian Paul speaking on "Marriage and sexuality: Is it clear, does it matter and can we live with difference?" at Lisburn Cathedral Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm.

**Contemporary Worship:** There will be no services June/July/Aug. We will return, God willing, in September.

**Open Garden:** Sea View, Mountcharles. For Fields of Life. 2-5pm Fri 16<sup>th</sup>, Sat 17<sup>th</sup> & Mon 19<sup>th</sup> June. Dorothy 087 9131393.

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