



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
13th Aug 2023 – 10th Sunday after Trinity

Bible Reading for Today – Matthew 14: 22-33

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. ²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. 'It's a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear. ²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.' ²⁸ 'Lord, if it's you,' Peter replied, 'tell me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹ 'Come,' he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?' ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Collect for Today

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

I suppose you and I would be amazed if we saw a man walking on water (see this week's reading) but Jesus takes it in his stride. He soon has Peter doing the same, but his lack of faith lets him down. "Why did you doubt?" is Jesus' searching question.

In-Church Services

9.30 Killymard (1st, 3rd, 5th Sun)
Lough Eske (2nd & 4th Sun)
10.45 Laghey (every Sunday)
12.00 Donegal (every Sunday) +online

Prayer Points

Give thanks and pray for
faith, hope & love.

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

Sunday services: 13th Aug HC (LE), MP (L,D); 20th Aug MP (K,L,D); 27th Aug MP (LE,L,D); 3rd Sept HC (K,L,D).

Summertime @ the Mustard Seed: Each Saturday in August at 10.30am there will be tea and scones and a chance to hear different folks share true stories of God and his impact on ordinary lives – 'a day in the life of...' All are most welcome!

Norman Henry: The Methodist minister-in-training from Bruckless will be sharing at the Mustard Seed on Saturday 12th and preaching at Christ Church Lough Eske on Sunday 13th (sorry, not Laghey & Donegal due to other commitments).

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

Laghey Parish Church: would like to thank Donegal County Council for their recent grant approval of €2,500.00 towards the replacement of the kerbing around Laghey Church and Graveyard as part of our ongoing improvements works.



**Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council

Backpack Fund: Return to school is a costly time for families. The Backpack Fund is an initiative of Rev John Montgomery to help pupils in Glebe NS, Robertson NS & Inver NS struggling with these costs. Donations can be given via David Huss.

The Long Walk for Lorna: Rev Stephen Richmond's 50km sponsored walk from Sligo hospital to Lorna's home Saturday 26th August. To help with Lorna's long-term care costs. Donate in church or through [GoFundMe](#) page (The Long Walk for Lorna). To join part of the walk contact Stephen on 0861953833 or stephenrichmond100@gmail.com. Many thanks.

Gift Days: Each of the four churches has a Gift Sunday at some point in the year (L Eske this week). Regular givers should receive a special envelope for this purpose. We would be grateful for the return of these to church or to your Treasurer.

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