



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey  
20<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

## Bible Reading for Today – Matthew 15: 21-28

<sup>21</sup> Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, 'Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.' <sup>23</sup> Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, 'Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.' <sup>24</sup> He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.'

<sup>25</sup> The woman came and knelt before him. 'Lord, help me!' she said.

<sup>26</sup> He replied, 'It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.' <sup>27</sup> 'Yes it is, Lord,' she said. 'Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table.' <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus said to her, 'Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.' And her daughter was healed at that moment.

## Collect for Today

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Rector's Thoughts

*It's sometimes the strange and difficult parts of the Bible that have the most to teach us. This week's reading sees Jesus heal a woman's troubled daughter, but not before a rather perplexing exchange in which he seems to meet the woman with silence and rejection. What is really going on here? Join us on Sunday (in person, online, or phone) to find out!*

*Blessings, David*

## 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 Bible, God's Word & all it teaches us.

**Prayer:** Understanding of the Word & applying it to life. Prayer for all who are unwell, troubled, burdened.

## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## Announcements

**Sunday services:** 20<sup>th</sup> Aug MP (K,L,D); 27<sup>th</sup> Aug MP (LE,L,D); 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept HC (K,L,D); 10<sup>th</sup> Sept HC (LE), MP (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!

**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.



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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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stephenrichmond100@gmail.com). Many thanks.

**Gift Days:** Each of the four churches has a Gift Sunday at some point in the year. Regular givers should have a special envelope for this purpose; please return these to church or to your Treasurer. Also please complete a tax refund form.

**Harvests:** Save these dates! L. Eske Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Sep, Donegal Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Sep, Laghey Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Oct, Killymard Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Oct, all 8pm.

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