



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
10th September 2023 – 14th Sunday after Trinity

Bible Reading for Today – Romans 13: 8-14

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not covet,' and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: the hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Collect for Today

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: Give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

This week I mark 10 years since becoming Archdeacon of Raphoe, and 12½ years as Rector of Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey. An Archdeacon is sometimes called 'the eyes and ears of the Bishop' or less kindly 'the crook at the top of the Bishop's staff'! Anyway it is an honour to serve in this way, although it can be challenging to balance this wider role with my more important job as pastor of our 4 churches, and the even greater privilege of being a husband and father. By God's grace I look forward to the next 10 years!

God bless, David

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 🙏

Thanks: God's love for us.

Prayer: Putting on the armour of light, living and loving as God calls us to. Healthy, thriving church communities full of grace.

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

Sunday services: 10th Sep HC (LE), MP (L,D); 17th Sep MP (K,L,D); 24th Sep **Harvest** (LE), **Family Service** (L,D);

Youth Group: We had a brilliant Confirmation Reunion and now working to get a youth group going. Details to follow!!

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

Harvest Thanksgivings: at 8pm: Lough Eske Mon 25th Sep (Rev Henry Blair); Donegal Fri 29th Sep (Ven Peter Thompson); Laghey Fri 6th Oct (Rev Alexander Chisnall); Killymard Fri 13th Oct (Mr Norman Henry). Our Mission will be [SOMA Ireland](#).

Sunday Schools: Laghey 2nd & 3rd Sunday of month beginning 10th Sept, Donegal 1st & 3rd Sundays beginning 3rd Sept.

Fundraising Meetings: To plan for Laghey Roof fundraising. 2nd Tuesday of each month, beginning 12th Sept 8pm in hall.

Opening up the Bible: Learn more about the Good Book: What is the Bible? Is it reliable? How does it fit with science and history? What's the big story? How do you read it? And much more. Ask any questions or just listen! Suitable for all backgrounds and levels of knowledge. Wednesdays 13th Sep, 11th Oct, 15th Nov, 13th Dec at 8pm in Donegal Church Hall.

Clerical Movements: Prayers for Rev Stephen & Dr Janice Richmond as they move from Donegal Town Presbyterian. Rev Chris Matchett begins as Rector in Fanad this week and on St Eunan's Day Rev Liz Fitzgerald becomes Dean of Raphoe.

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