

Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey 24th September 2023 – 16th Sunday after Trinity

Bible Reading for Today – Exodus 16: 11-15, 31

¹¹ The LORD said to Moses, ¹² 'I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, "At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God."' ¹³ That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, 'It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.' ... ³¹ The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey.

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

A Prayer Points

Thanks: God who provides.

Prayer: Libya flood relief; Armenia conflict; all who are sick & suffering.

Announcements

Collect for Today

O Lord, Hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

Our first Harvest Thanksgivings take place this weekend (Lough Eske) so the reading about manna is appropriate! Our first Family Services of the new term (Laghey & Donegal) are also on this Sunday. DH

Online Services Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon **Phone Service** 074 9710199

Sunday services: 24 Sep Harvest (LE), Family Service (L,D); 1st Oct HC (K,L) Harvest HC (D); 8 Oct MP (LE,D) Harvest (L).

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 (Sharing of Ministries Abroad). Update on last year's appeal (for the Diocese of Yei in South Sudan) will also be given. Sunday Schools: at Laghey on the 2nd & 3rd Sunday of each month and Donegal on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month. The Mustard Seed: Open Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30am–2pm. Bring a friend! Prayer time for all on Fridays at 12.30pm. Youth Group: Following the Confirmation Reunion we are working to get a youth group going. Details to follow !! **Fundraising Meetings:** To plan for Laghey Roof fundraising. 2nd Tuesday of each month, next one 10th Oct 8pm in hall. **Opening up the Bible:** Next one – looking at the reliability of the Bible – Wed 11th Oct at 8pm in Donegal Church Hall. **New Dean:** Pray for Rev Liz Fitzgerald who becomes Rector & Dean of Raphoe on St Eunan's Day, 23rd September. **Concert:** With Donegal Abbey Singers Fri 27th October at 8pm in Drumholm Parish Church Ballintra. Tickets €10 on door. Harvest Praise Concert: With Warren Smyth Sat 21st October 7.30pm Dunkineely Methodist Church. Tickets €12 on door. Parenting Teens Course: 5 week course from the creators of Alpha. Wednesday evenings in Nov, full details to follow. Parish Reader Training: Over 3 evenings in November, run by Derry & Raphoe. Speak to the Rector if interested. **Prayer Training Day:** By Derry & Raphoe Ministry of Healing. Sat 21st Oct 9.30am – 4pm in Derry. Details from David. Team Hope: It's time to get filling shoeboxes! Leaflets should be available soon in church or see <u>www.teamhope.ie</u>. **Cost of Living:** Some grants from Protestant Aid & other charities are available; you can speak confidentially to the Rector.

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