



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey  
1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

## Bible Reading for Today – Exodus 17: 1-7

<sup>1</sup>The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, travelling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>So they quarrelled with Moses and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses replied, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?' <sup>3</sup>But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, 'Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?' <sup>4</sup>Then Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.' <sup>5</sup>The LORD answered Moses, 'Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.' So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarrelled and because they tested the LORD saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

## Collect for Today

*Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: Teach us to offer ourselves to your service, that here we may have your peace, and in the world to come may see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Rector's Thoughts

*Again this week we read about the LORD providing for his people in the desert. How good he is, giving us far more than we deserve. Let's replace grumbling with gratitude!*

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## 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**   
Grace & Gratitude

**Online Services**  
Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

**Phone Service**  
074 9710199

## Announcements

**Sunday services:** 1<sup>st</sup> Oct HC (K,L) **Harvest HC** (D); 8<sup>th</sup> Oct MP (LE,D) **Harvest** (L); 15<sup>th</sup> Oct **Harvest** (K) MP (L,D).

**Harvest Thanksgivings:** at 8pm: Donegal Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Sep (Ven Peter Thompson); Laghey Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Oct (Rev Alexander Chisnall); Killymard Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Oct (Mr Norman Henry). With cup of tea after each service! Our Mission offering will be for [SOMA Ireland](#) (Sharing of Ministries Abroad). Updates on last year's appeal (for the Diocese of Yei in South Sudan) will also be given.

**Sunday Schools:** at Laghey on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month and Donegal on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

**Prayer Walk:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct meet 6.30pm Donegal Church Hall. **Prayer Meeting:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 8-9pm Donegal Hall.

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

**Donegal Protestant Orphan Society:** Committee meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm Conwal Church Letterkenny.

**Fundraising Meetings:** To plan for Laghey Roof fundraising. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, next one 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 8pm in hall.

**Parenting Teens Course:** 5 week informal course for parents of teens. Wednesdays 1,8,15,22,29 Nov, 8pm, Mustard Seed.

**Opening up the Bible:** Next one – looking at the reliability of the Bible – Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Oct at 8pm in Donegal Church Hall.

**Youth Group:** Following the Confirmation Reunion we are working to get a youth group going. 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 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 9.30am – 4pm in Derry. Details from David.

**Team Hope:** It's time to get filling shoeboxes for this year's appeal! Leaflets available in church or see [www.teamhope.ie](http://www.teamhope.ie).

**Cost of Living:** Some grants from Protestant Aid & other charities are available; you can speak confidentially to the Rector.

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