



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
15th October 2023 – 19th Sunday after Trinity

Bible Reading for Today – Exodus 32: 1-6

¹ When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered round Aaron and said, 'Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.' ² Aaron answered them, 'Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.' ³ So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.' ⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, 'Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD.' ⁶ So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterwards they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

Collect for Today

O God, without you we are not able to please you; Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

*It may be hard for us to see the attraction of worshiping a golden calf, but of course it was the appeal of something visible and immediate rather than the unseen God who is known by his Word and Spirit. The French Reformer John Calvin said, "The human heart is a factory of idols." He wasn't wrong!
"Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry." 1 Corinthians 10:14*

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

Avoiding idolatry & serving the true God.
Israel, Armenia, Ukraine.
All who are unwell.

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

Sunday services: 15th Oct **Harvest** (K), MP (L,D); 22nd Oct **Family Service** (LE,L,D); 29th Oct MP (K,L,D); 5th Nov HC (K,L,D).

Harvest Thanksgiving: Killymard 8pm Fri 13th Oct. Preacher Norman Henry. Cup of tea after. Offering for [SOMA Ireland](#).

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.

Parenting Teens Course: 5 week course for those parenting 11-18 year olds. Wednesdays 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Nov at 7.30pm in the Mustard Seed. Great opportunity to invest in the future. Contact Brian & Sandra to book/queries 083 3515400.

Youth Group: Beginning 12th Nov twice a month 7-8.30pm on Sunday evenings. For any young people of Secondary age.

Rathneeny Presbyterian Harvest: Sunday 15th at 7.30pm. **Laghey Bowls Club:** Mondays at 8pm in the Hall.

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.

Faith Mission Donegal Rally: Tuesday 17th October 8pm in Methodist Church. Speaker Mr George Conn. Bookstall.

Bible Study: With Rev John Montgomery looking at 'Prayers in Scripture' Wednesdays at 8pm in Donegal Methodist Hall or Thursdays at 11am in Donegal Presbyterian Hall. Starting 18th / 19th October.

Glebe National School: Open for enrolments for September 2024. Email admin@glebenationalschool.ie or Phone 0749722183. Quiz Night Friday 27th Oct 9pm in Dom's Pier One. €5 per person or €20 for a team. Great prizes to be won!

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