



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
29th October 2023 – 5th Sunday before Advent

Bible Reading for Today – Deuteronomy 34

⁵ And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said. ⁶ He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. ⁷ Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. ⁸ The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over.

⁹ Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰ Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹ who did all those signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt – to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. ¹² For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Collect for Today

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Help us to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

This week we had our Diocesan Synod (AGM for Derry & Raphoe) and it reminded me how blessed we are to be part of the Church of Ireland. Yes, it has its faults, as all churches do. But there is lots to be thankful for! Perhaps this week you can pray for Bishop Andrew and our whole Derry & Raphoe family as we seek to worship & serve Christ here in the Northwest.

In-Church Services

9.30 Killymard (1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday)
Lough Eske (2nd & 4th Sunday)
10.45 Laghey (every Sunday)
12.00 Donegal (every Sunday) +online

Prayer Points

- Peace in war & conflict zones around the world.
- Long-term faithfulness like Moses & Joshua.
- Our Bishop & Diocese.

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

Sunday services: 29th Oct MP (K,L,D); 5th Nov HC (K,L,D); 12th Nov (Remembrance Sunday) HC (LE), MP (L,D).

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: From 12th Nov we're beginning a new Youth Group, meeting twice a month 7-8.30pm on Sunday evenings at Laghey Hall. Fun & games, Bible input & food. For any young people of Secondary age. Looking forward to it!

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. Everyone's welcome!

Donegal Parish Draw: Tickets are out ~ great prizes ~ please support! **Christmas Shoebox appeal:** Deadline 10th Nov.

Pastoral Care: Please keep the Rector informed if someone is in hospital or in need of pastoral support or prayer. Also remember there are some grants we can apply for in cases of financial hardship. Speak confidentially to the Rector.

Light Party: For National School age children. Ballintra Methodist 31st Oct 6.30-8pm. Non-scary alternative to Halloween.

Contemporary Worship: D'gal Methodist 5th Nov 7.30pm. **Mid-term break:** There will be no Parish Update next week.

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