



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
12th November 2023 – 3rd Sunday before Advent

Bible Reading for Today – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord for ever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Collect for Today

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all: Govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

With remembrance Sunday and the passing of Canon Trimble, this week's reading is especially poignant. What a hope we have through Jesus Christ!

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 for the world.
Comfort for the bereaved.
Power to share the gospel.

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

Sunday services: 12th Nov (Remembrance Sunday) HC (LE), MP (L,D). 19th Nov MP (K,L,D). 26th Nov *Family Service* (LE,L,D).

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

Canon Harry Trimble: We are greatly saddened by the death of Canon Trimble, our Rector from 1990-2001. Deepest sympathies to Ruby, Paul, Nigel, Jane and all the family. Harry's warm pastoral care and energetic leadership are fondly remembered. His funeral takes place in Castleberg on Thursday. A book of condolences is available in Donegal Church.

The Mustard Seed: Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30am-2pm. *NEW* Friday evenings (see below). Prayer time for all Friday at 12.30pm.

Late Night Café: At the Mustard Seed. Coffee, treats & cosy atmosphere! Fridays 10th, 17th Nov; 1st, 8th, 15th Dec, 6pm - late.

Parenting Teens Course: It's not quite too late to join! Contact Brian & Sandra to book 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 Wed 8pm Donegal Methodist Hall or Thu at 11am Donegal Presbyterian Hall.

Donegal Parish Draw: Tickets are out ~ great prizes ~ please support! Draw and auction will be held 23rd Nov 8.30pm.

Laghey Roof: Our next fundraising meeting Tue 14th 8pm in hall. **Christmas Shoebox appeal:** Deadline 10th Nov.

Wandering Wise Men: Fun family activity with Derry & Raphoe Children's Ministry. Like 'Elf on the Shelf' but it's the Three Wise Men...! More details will be on our Facebook page along with info on how to sign up & take part.

Opening up the Bible: Wednesday 15th Nov 8pm Donegal Church Hall. An overview of the whole Bible in one hour!!

Badminton: New club meeting in Killymard Orange Hall (Donegal Town) Tuesdays 8-10pm. New members welcome.

Bowling: Laghey bowling club, Monday nights at 8pm. **Community Carol Service:** Sunday 17th Dec – save the date!

Online prayer with the Creightons: Monday 13th Nov 7.30pm. Join online (ask David for link) or come to the Rectory.

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