



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
19th November 2023 – 2nd Sunday before Advent

Bible Reading for Today – 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

¹ Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, 'Peace and safety', destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵ You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober.

⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.

¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Collect for Today

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

Wow, Christmas has fairly taken off in the last week or so! Lights are going up, carols are being practiced, events are being planned. Details of our own Christmas services will be coming soon... But don't forget the preparatory season of Advent, when we think not only of Jesus' first coming at Bethlehem but also his second coming in glory. This week's reading has some challenging and comforting words about that. DH

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

- Give thanks for the Lord's return one day.
- Pray for Israel/Gaza & Russia/Ukraine conflicts. For Mica households.
- For the bereaved.

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

Sunday services: 19th Nov MP (K,L,D). 26th Nov *Family Service* (LE,L,D). 3rd Dec HC (K,L,D). 10th Dec Joint Service 11.00am.

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

Late Night Café: @ Mustard Seed. Coffee, treats & cosy atmosphere! Fridays 6pm – late. 17th Nov with worship 7-9pm.

Youth Group: Sunday 26th Nov Laghey Hall 7-8.30pm. Fun, friends, faith, food. For all Secondary age young people.

Bible Study: With Rev John Montgomery Wed 8pm Donegal Methodist Hall or Thu at 11am Donegal Presbyterian Hall.

Donegal Parish Draw: Great prizes ~ please support! Draw and auction will be held in Abbey Hotel 23rd Nov 8.30pm.

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.

Community Carol Service: Sunday 17th Dec 7.30pm in Donegal Parish Church. Choir practices on Tuesday nights at 8.15pm – new members welcome! Full details of Christmas services coming soon...

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