



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey  
26<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – The Sunday before Advent

## Bible Reading for Today – 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-24

<sup>12</sup> Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. <sup>13</sup> Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. <sup>14</sup> And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. <sup>15</sup> Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. <sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray continually, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not treat prophecies with contempt <sup>21</sup> but test them all; hold on to what is good, <sup>22</sup> reject every kind of evil.

<sup>23</sup> May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

## Collect for Today

*Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

## Rector's Thoughts

*This week, while you stir the Christmas cake and peruse the catalogues, take a few moments to give thanks for God's blessings and consider how you can "encourage the disheartened and help the weak" over the coming days. So many opportunities – keep your eyes open!*

## In-Church Services

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

## Prayer Points

Living in peace, speaking the truth, trusting the Lord.  
Pray for all who suffer loss.

## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## Announcements

**Sunday services:** 26<sup>th</sup> Nov *Family Service* (LE,L,D). 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec HC (K,L,D). 10<sup>th</sup> Dec Joint Service 11.00am Donegal Town.

**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.

**Donegal Parish Draw:** Auction followed by Drawing of Christmas Raffle will be held in Abbey Hotel Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 8.30pm.

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

**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. Next one is on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Bible Study:** Wed 8pm Methodist Hall or Thu 11am Presbyterian Hall. **Contemporary Service:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 7.30pm Laghey.

**Choir practices:** Tuesday nights at 8.15pm. New members welcome! Preparing for Community Carol Service on 17<sup>th</sup> Dec.

**Seniors' Christmas Party:** Sandhouse Hotel Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Dec at 1.30pm. Book with Margaret McFadden 0749722325 by 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Prayer Meeting:** Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm (note earlier time this month). **Glebe NS Carol Singing:** The Diamond, Fri 1<sup>st</sup> 1pm.

**Through the Wardrobe:** Christmas family event @ Methodist Church Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm & Sat 9<sup>th</sup> 2pm. See posters for info.

**December services:** A list of all the Advent & Christmas services is on a separate sheet **NB** Joint Service see above ↗

**New Wine:** Thinking about what to do in July 2024? Special early bird rates for New Wine Sligo apply until end of Nov.

**Domestic Violence:** Free helplines 1800 341 900 (Women's Aid Ireland), 1800 2626 77 (Donegal Tusla Helpline).

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