



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey  
3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 – The First Sunday of Advent

## Bible Reading for Today – Isaiah 64: 1-5

- <sup>1</sup> Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains would tremble before you!
- <sup>2</sup> As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil,  
come down to make your name known to your enemies  
and cause the nations to quake before you!
- <sup>3</sup> For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,  
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.
- <sup>4</sup> Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.
- <sup>5</sup> You come to the help of those who gladly do right,  
who remember your ways.

## Collect for Today

*Almighty God, Give us grace to cast away  
the works of darkness and to put on the  
armour of light now in the time of this  
mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ  
came to us in great humility; that on the  
last day when he shall come again in his  
glorious majesty to judge the living and  
the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## 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

- Give thanks that God is so patient with us; pray that we would be patient in waiting for him and trusting him to do his good work in his good time.
- Pray for all who are fearful of the future.

## Rector's Thoughts

*Advent, with its insistence on waiting patiently, goes against the grain of modern life where we expect everything to happen 'immediately, if not sooner!' I suspect God is saying to many of us to slow down, watch and listen. What do you think?*

*Advent blessings, David.*

## Announcements

- Sunday services:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec HC (K,L,D). 10<sup>th</sup> Dec Joint Service 11.00am Donegal. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec Carols (LE,L,D) Note LE not K'mard.
- 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:** Many thanks to all who donated, helped & worked. €5,000 was raised for parish funds.
- Youth Group:** Christmas party Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec Laghey Hall 7-8.30pm. Fun, friends, faith, food. Secondary age group.
- 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 in Donegal Church. **Community Carol Service** Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm Donegal.
- 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 ↗
- Glebe National School:** Carol Service Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7pm in Donegal Church. All are welcome!!
- Christmas Eve/Day:** Holy Communion Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 11.00pm Laghey; Mon 25<sup>th</sup> 9.00am L Eske, 10.15 Killymard, 11.30 Donegal.

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