



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey  
17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – The Third Sunday of Advent

## Bible Reading for Today – Isaiah 9: 2,6-7

<sup>2</sup>The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.  
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and for ever.

The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

## Collect for Today

*O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.*

## Rector's Thoughts

*"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light." We have only to look at the TV, newspaper or internet to see how much darkness there is in our world. But when we look to Jesus Christ, we see the all-conquering Light of the World!*

*Advent blessings, David*

## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## Prayer Points

Thank God for his great Son, born to save us.

Pray for all who don't know the love of Christ and for all who live in any kind of darkness.

## 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

## Announcements

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec:** 9.30 Carols L. Eske, 10.45 Carols Laghey, 12.00 MP Donegal, 7.30pm **Community Carol Service** Donegal.

**Food Bank:** There will be a box in each church on Sun 17<sup>th</sup> for donations of food or cleaning/hygiene items. Thanks!

**Carol singing:** Meet at Donegal Community Hospital Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> at 6.45 for 7pm start. Let David know if you're coming!

**Christmas Eve:** Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Holy Communion 11.00pm Laghey (no services in morning).

**Christmas Day:** Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Dec Holy Communion 9.00am L Eske, 10.15am Killymard, 11.30am Donegal.

**The Mustard Seed:** Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30am–2pm & Friday 6pm – late. Prayer time for all on Fridays at 12.30pm. Closing Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm. Open Sat 30<sup>th</sup> 10am-12noon for Continental breakfast and music. Re-opening Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024.

**Late Night Café:** @ Mustard Seed. Coffee, treats & cosy atmosphere! Fridays 6pm – late. Last one of 2023 on Dec 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday Schools:** Laghey 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month and Donegal 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month in school term time.

**Calendars:** Keep an eye out for 2024 Parish Calendar which will be delivered soon! Thanks to all who helped make it.

**Youth Group:** Our Secondary age group will return in January with yet more fun! Thanks to all who have helped this term.

**Light up Mountcharles:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 7pm in Mountcharles Church. Carol Service, Music, Santa, Refreshments, etc.!

**Last services of 2023:** Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 9.30 Killymard, 10.45 Laghey, 12.00 Donegal. Motto for 2024 will be unveiled!

**Looking ahead to 2024:** Have a word with David if you would like to do the Bible in One Year in 2024 or join a Bible study group in the New Year. And why not resolve to join our Prayer Meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday night of each month?

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