



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

## Bible Reading for Today – John 1: 43-51

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote— Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup>"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.

<sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

<sup>48</sup>"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."

<sup>50</sup>Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." <sup>51</sup>He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

## Collect for Today

*Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Rector's Thoughts

*Jesus calls us, as he called Philip and Nathanael, to follow him. Some, like Philip, come at once. Others, like Nathanael, need a bit more persuading. Philip was wise in the way he shared his faith, using the gentle, warm invitation: "Come and see."*

*David*

## 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

## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## Prayer Points 🙏

Thank God for Jesus' call to follow.

Pray for wisdom in sharing our faith.

Pray also for all who are bereaved, for the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

## Announcements

**Sunday services:** 14<sup>th</sup> Jan HC (LE), MP (L,D); 21<sup>st</sup> Jan MP (K,L,D); 28<sup>th</sup> Jan FS (LE,L,D). 4<sup>th</sup> Feb HC (K,L,D).

**Contemporary Worship Service:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in Donegal Methodist Church. Music, teaching, prayer.

**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.

**Youth Group:** Our Secondary age group will return on 21<sup>st</sup> January for yet more fun! Sunday evenings 7-8.30pm.

**Food Bank:** There is a box in each church for donations of food or cleaning/hygiene items up to end of January. Thanks!

**The Mustard Seed:** Open on Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30am–2pm & Fridays 6pm – late (check for details). Prayer time for all on Fridays at 12.30pm.

**Child Safeguarding Training:** For Sunday School & Youth Group volunteers. Thu 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 7.30-9.30pm Donegal Ch Hall.

**Bible Study Groups:** We have several groups at different times of the week. Talk David if you would like to join one.

**2023 Monies:** The 4 treasurers would be very grateful if any envelopes/donations could be returned as soon as possible, to enable inclusion in annual reports. Many thanks!

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