



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

28th January 2024 – The 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Bible Reading for Today – Mark 1: 21-28

²¹ They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²² The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ²⁴ 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God!' ²⁵ 'Be quiet!' said Jesus sternly. 'Come out of him!' ²⁶ The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. ²⁷ The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, 'What is this? A new teaching – and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.' ²⁸ News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

Collect for Today

Creator God, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: We pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and belief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Thank God for the authority of Jesus.

Pray for our lives to be shaped by Jesus and his teaching. Pray for those needing healing.

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

Phone Service

074 9710199

Rector's Thoughts

This week's Gospel reading is about the authority of Jesus. I'm not sure this is a popular subject! Most of us like the idea of being free to do our own thing, but Christians find true freedom by coming under the control of Christ. What areas of life do you need to hand over to Him? What difference would that make?

Announcements

Sunday services: 28th Jan FS (LE,L,D); 4th Feb HC (K,L,D); 11th Feb HC (LE), MP (L,D). Ash Wednesday 14th Feb HC (D) 8pm.

Youth Group: Our Secondary age group will return on **28th January** for yet more fun! Sundays 7-8.30pm Laghey Hall.

The Mustard Seed: Open on Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30am–2pm & Fridays 7pm – late (check for details). Prayer time for all on Fridays at 12.30pm.

Abaana Children's Choir from Uganda. Concert in the Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town, Sat 9th March 7pm. You may remember their visit in 2019. We are looking for host families (can be a single person, a couple or a larger household) who could accommodate 2 or 3 children and one accompanying adult for the night. Talk to David to find out more.

Alpha: We will be running an Alpha course on Wednesday nights, starting 7th Feb, 7.30pm in the Mustard Seed. A great way for anyone and everyone to explore the big questions of life, with video and discussion. Who could you invite?

Killymard Work Party: Saturday 27th Jan from 10.00am. Splitting some logs and having some chat, maybe a cup of tea!

Contemporary Worship Service: Sunday 4th Feb 7.30pm in Laghey. Music, Bible teaching & prayer in informal format.

Sunday Schools: Laghey 2nd & 3rd Sunday of month and Donegal 1st & 3rd Sunday of month in school term.

Youth Events: DRY (Derry & Raphoe Youth) Weekend 22-24 March. Summer Madness 28 June – 2 July. Save the dates!

Laghey Hall Development: We are delighted to have been awarded a CLÁR grant of €50,000 from the Dept of Rural and Community Development for a community/sensory garden at Laghey Hall. A major step for the development project.

2023 Monies: Please return any 2023 envelopes/donations as soon as possible, to enable inclusion in annual reports.

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