



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

4<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

## Bible Reading for Today – Mark 2: 13-17

<sup>13</sup> Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. <sup>14</sup> As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.

<sup>15</sup> While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. <sup>16</sup> When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: 'Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?'

<sup>17</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said to them, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but those who are ill. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'

## Collect for Today

*Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.*

## Rector's Thoughts

*As Mark's Gospel progresses, Jesus begins to pick up a mixed bag of followers and his movement starts to get mixed reviews from those looking on. When they call him 'a friend of sinners' it isn't intended as a compliment! But for those aware of their failure, it is a comfort to know that Jesus welcomes all and can transform broken lives and bring forgiveness.*

## 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

Thank God for the kind, inclusive love of Jesus.

Pray for 'tax collectors and sinners' i.e. all who need the transforming love of Jesus.

## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## Announcements

**Sunday services:** 4<sup>th</sup> Feb HC (K,L,D); 11<sup>th</sup> Feb HC (LE), MP (L,D); 18<sup>th</sup> Feb MP (K,L,D); 25<sup>th</sup> Feb FS (LE,L,D).

**Alpha:** We will be running an Alpha course on Wednesday nights, starting 7<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7.30pm in the Mustard Seed. A great informal way for everyone to explore the big questions of life, with video and discussion. Contact Brian 083 351 5400.

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

**Ash Wednesday:** 14<sup>th</sup> Feb Service of Holy Communion (traditional form) 8pm in Donegal Parish Church.

**Youth Group:** Outing to Letterkenny for bowling Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Feb – details from David Huss. Next regular night Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Feb.

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

**Abaana Children's Choir** from Uganda. Concert in the Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town, Sat 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Killymard:** A big thank you to all who helped with our work party last Saturday, both the woodcutters and the teamakers!

**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.

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

**Laghey Select Vestry:** A Meeting will be held Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb at 8pm. **Laghey Bowling Club:** Mondays at 8pm in hall.

**2023 Monies:** Last call for 2023 envelopes and donations! Thank you from the 4 Treasurers.

**Donegal Town Food Bank:** Thank you for all your donations of food and other household items received in Dec & Jan.

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