



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey  
11<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – The Sunday before Lent

## Bible Reading for Today – 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

## Collect for Today

*Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: Give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## Rector's Thoughts

This week on 'Transfiguration Sunday' I'm turning to the reading opposite, from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. It gives one of the best job descriptions of a preacher that you will find anywhere: "For what we preach is not ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord." Pray for your preachers to follow this rule!

*God bless, 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

## Prayer Points 🙏

Thanks the glory of God, seen in the face of Christ

Pray for preachers to speak the truth in love and lead many to Jesus. Pray for Alpha course.

## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## Announcements

**Sunday services:** 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); 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar HC (K,L,D).

**Ash Wednesday:** We will mark the beginning of Lent on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February with a service of Holy Communion (traditional form) at 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.

**Alpha:** Our Alpha course is up and running. Please pray for it to be a blessing. Info from Brian/Sandra 083 351 5400.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Lent:** There will be one mid-week evening service in each of the 4 churches during Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb in Donegal Town and ending with Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March in Laghey. Dates for Lough Eske and Killymard tbc.

**Vocation:** Could God calling you to serve his church in a new way, maybe in children's or youth ministry, or as a reader, evangelist or ordained minister? Talk to the rector or visit [www.ireland.anglican.org/our-faith/vocations](http://www.ireland.anglican.org/our-faith/vocations) for more.

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