



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
18th February 2024 – The First Sunday in Lent

Bible Reading for Today – Mark 1: 9-15

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.' ¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. ¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!'

Collect for Today

*Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ
fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
Give us grace to discipline ourselves
in obedience to your Spirit.
And, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save.
through 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

Thanks: Jesus' victory
over the devil and evil.

Pray: A holy Lent, with
good use of the many
opportunities it brings.
Families in need of help.

Rector's Thoughts

*The season of Lent is upon us now;
let's use these 40 days to get into
good habits and disciplines and
perhaps correct any 'drift' in our
discipleship. As our Bible reading
shows, there is a spiritual battle
taking place. But we have the
power of the Holy Spirit (not to
mention angels) on our side!*

God bless, David

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

Sunday services: 18th Feb MP (K,L,D); 25th Feb FS (LE,L,D); 3rd Mar HC (K,L,D); 10th Mar possibly something special...

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.

Youth Group: We had fun ten-pin bowling last weekend. Our next regular night is Sun 25th Feb 7-8.30pm Laghey Hall.

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 2nd & 3rd Sunday of month and Donegal 1st & 3rd 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.

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

Lent: There will be one mid-week evening service in each of the 4 churches during Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday 14th Feb in Donegal Town and ending with Good Friday 29th 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 for more.

Glebe National School: Open Day for new infants starting in 2024. Thursday 5th March 9.30am – 12.00noon. Refreshments provided for parents, pack a small healthy snack and drink for your child. Info 074 97 22183.

Play it by Ear: The Methodist Church are hosting a special weekend with this drama group 2nd – 3rd March. Street drama and young adults event on Sat, Contemporary Worship Service 7.30pm on Sunday 3rd March at Donegal Methodist Ch.

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