



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

25th February 2024 – The Second Sunday in Lent

Bible Reading for Today – Mark 8: 31-38

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. 'Get behind me, Satan!' he said. 'You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.' ³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.'

Collect for Today

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: Grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

"What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"

Jesus forces us to confront big questions like that. May God help us to reflect on what's most important in our lives.

With love, David

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

Alpha course; courage; discipline; the bereaved; Ukraine, Gaza & other conflicts; truth & love.

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

Sunday services: 25th Feb Family Service (LE,L,D); 3rd Mar HC (K,L,D); 10th Mar HC (LE), MP (L,D).

Abaana Children's Choir from Uganda. Concert in the Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town, Sat 9th March 7pm. Talk to David if you could be an overnight host, an on-the-night helper, or if you could promote/publicise the event.

Youth Group: Sunday 25th Feb 7-8.30pm in Laghey Hall for all of secondary school age. Fun, friends, faith.

Lenten Service: Mid-week evening service at Killymard on Thursday 29th Feb at 8pm. Time to reflect & pray.

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.

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

The Mustard Seed: Open for tea/coffee/lunch/treats Wed, Thu, Fri 10.30am–2pm. **Late night café** on Fridays from 7pm. (check online for details). Prayer time for all Fridays at 12.30pm.

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

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

DPOS: You can donate to the Protestant Orphan Society via door-to-door collector or direct to Treasurer William Jervis.

Raise the Roof: Laghey's fundraising appeal for new church roof. Special envelopes will be out in early March.

Easter Vestry Meetings: Our parish AGMs in April: L Eske Mon 8th, K'mard Tue 9th, Donegal Wed 10th, Laghey Mon 15th.

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