



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
3rd March 2024 – The Third Sunday in Lent

Bible Reading for Today – 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹ For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Collect for Today

Merciful Lord, Grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Rector's Thoughts

– How wonderful that the message of the cross, which seems so foolish and weak, is actually powerful and strong to save!

– Don't miss the **Abaana New Life Children's Choir** in the Abbey Hotel on Sat 9th March at 7pm!

– There is another referendum on 8th March. As always, give careful and prayerful thought to whether you agree with the changes and their possible consequences. DH

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

Abaana concert 9th March; Wisdom in regard to latest referendum; Peace in the Middle East; Alpha; Mica households; The bereaved; Easter events & services.

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

Sunday services: 3rd Mar HC (K,L,D); 10th Mar HC (LE), MP (L,D); 17th Mar MP (K,L,D); 24th Mar FS (LE,L,D).

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

Play it by Ear: Special weekend with this Christian drama group 2nd – 3rd March. Children's party (primary age) Sat 2nd 6.30-8pm @ Presb. Ch; Young adults 8.30pm @ Presb. Ch, Contemporary Worship 7.30pm Sunday 3rd @ Methodist Ch.

Abaana Children's Choir from Uganda. Concert in the Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town, Sat 9th March 7pm. Please keep sharing, and talk to David if you could help on the night with catering or stewarding. Concert is free, donations welcome.

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.

Youth Group: Sunday 10th Feb 7-8.30pm in Laghey Hall. **DRY** (Derry & Raphoe Youth) Weekend 22nd-24th March.

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

The Mustard Seed: Open Wed-Fri 10.30am-2pm. **Late night café** Fridays from 7pm (check online for details).

Prayer time: Fridays at 12.30pm Mustard Seed. **Prayer Meeting:** Tuesday 5th Feb 8-9pm Donegal Church Hall.

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. Please keep your plastic bottles and cans, we will be collecting them to save the 15 or 20 cent deposit for the roof fund.

Easter Vestry Meetings: in April, at 8pm: Lough Eske Mon 8th, Killymard Tue 9th, Donegal Wed 10th, Laghey Mon 15th.

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