



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

10<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)

## Bible Reading for Today – John 3: 14-21

<sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. <sup>16</sup> **For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.** <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. <sup>19</sup> This is the verdict: light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

## Collect for Today

*God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: Strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Rector's Thoughts

*In a world full of spin, lies and utter confusion over things which should be simple, thank God for the clarity of his Word! And there is nowhere that puts it more clearly than John 3v16:*

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

## 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 🙏

Give thanks: For family life and especially for mothers.  
Pray: For parents under pressure; for families in need; for ministries of mercy and pastoral care.

## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## Announcements

**Sunday services:** 10<sup>th</sup> Mar HC (LE), MP (L,D); 17<sup>th</sup> Mar MP (K,L,D); 24<sup>th</sup> Mar FS (LE,L,D); 31<sup>st</sup> Mar HC (LE,K,L,D)

**Abaana New Life Choir:** This superb choir of 20 children from Uganda are touring the UK and Ireland and coming to the Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town, on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 7pm. Tickets are not required and entry is free. A collection will be taken and there will be information about the Abaana charity based in Co. Down. The concert is suitable for all ages.

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

**Lenten Service:** Mid-week evening service at Lough Eske on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm. Time to reflect & pray.

**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-Fri 10.30am-2pm. **Late night café** Fridays from 7pm (check online for details).

**Prayer time:** Fridays at 12.30pm at the Mustard Seed, everyone is welcome.

**Holy Week:** Services on Holy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday tbc. Good Friday 11am Donegal, Laghey 8pm.

**Easter Day:** Dawn Service 6.30am Old Abbey. Communion L Eske 8.30am, Killymard 9.30, Laghey 10.45, Donegal 12.00.

**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.

**Leghowney Drama:** Comedy play 'Love thy Neighbour' 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm each night. €10 entry.

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

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