



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

17th March 2024 – 5th Sunday in Lent & St Patrick's Day

Bible Reading for Today – Acts 16: 6-10

⁶ Paul and his companions travelled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. ⁷ When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. ⁸ So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. ⁹ During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

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

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 1200

Phone Service

074 9710199

Prayer Points 🙏

Give thanks: For God's goodness to Ireland.

Pray: For the challenges we face in this country: moral, spiritual, economic, social & educational. For new 'Patricks' to share the gospel in new places.

Collect for Today

Almighty God, in your providence you chose your servant Patrick to be the apostle of the Irish people, to bring those who were wandering in darkness and error to the true light and knowledge of your Word: Grant that walking in that light we may come at last to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

St Patrick's Day is a good moment to give thanks for all that has been good in the Christian history of Ireland, to repent of all that has been wrong, and to seek the Spirit's guidance for all that is yet to come. As He led Paul to Europe and Patrick to Ireland, so He will continue to guide us if we will seek Him. A very happy Patrick's Day!

David

Announcements

Sunday services: 17th Mar MP (K,L,D); 24th Mar FS (LE,L,D); 31st Mar HC (LE,K,L,D); 7th Apr MP (K,L,D).

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

Abaana New Life Choir: Many thanks to everyone who came to the concert and helped in any way, especially the hosts and catering team. The children brought joy and life to us all. An offering of €2,225 was taken up for the Abaana charity.

Youth Group: Our next meeting now will be after Easter – watch this space for news.

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 at the Mustard Seed, everyone is welcome.

Holy Week: Joint Services: Holy Wednesday 27th March 8pm Donegal Methodist Church; Maundy Thursday 28th March 8pm Donegal Presbyterian Church; Good Friday 11am Donegal Church of Ireland. Good Friday Service 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 have now gone out. 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. These are the annual general meetings for each parish and all parishioners are welcome.

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