



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

24<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

## Bible Reading for Today – Mark 11: 1-10

<sup>1</sup> As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, 'Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup> If anyone asks you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly."

<sup>4</sup> They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, <sup>5</sup> some people standing there asked, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' <sup>6</sup> They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. <sup>7</sup> When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, 'Hosanna!'

'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'

<sup>10</sup> 'Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!'

'Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

## Collect for Today

*Almighty and everlasting God who, in your tender love towards the human race, sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: Grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## Rector's Thoughts

*On Palm Sunday we remember the humility of Jesus – he is a King like no other, coming in peace and riding on a donkey.*

*In a world where the loudest and proudest are often heard and followed, we have a different type of leader.*

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*

## 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

Pray for our national leaders and our church leaders to have humility like Jesus.

## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 1200

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## Announcements

**Sunday services:** 24<sup>th</sup> Mar FS (LE,L,D); 31<sup>st</sup> Mar HC (LE,K,L,D); 7<sup>th</sup> Apr MP (K,L,D); 14<sup>th</sup> Apr MP (LE,L,D).

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

**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:** Joint Services: Holy Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 8pm Donegal Methodist Church; Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 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. Easter egg hunt after the service in Killymard!

**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 8<sup>th</sup>, Killymard Tue 9<sup>th</sup>, Donegal Wed 10<sup>th</sup>, Laghey Mon 15<sup>th</sup>. These are the annual general meetings for each parish and all parishioners are welcome.

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