



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
28th April 2024 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Bible Reading for Today – John 15: 1-8

¹ I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Collect for Today

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

"Apart from me you can do nothing."

Our Lord doesn't leave much room for manoeuvre with that saying! We are not meant to 'go it alone' as Christians, but to remain connected to Christ. That will involve hearing his word, speaking to him in prayer and letting his Holy Spirit reign in our hearts. We won't get anything worthwhile done without him, simple as that.

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

- Thank God for Jesus the true vine.
- Pray that you will stay connected to him and bear fruit.
- Pray for conflicts near and far.

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 1200

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

Sunday services: 28th Apr Family Service (LE,L,D); 5th May HC (K,L,D); 12th May HC (LE), MP (L,D); 19th May MP (K,L,D).

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

Youth Group: Our last youth evening before summer will be Sunday 19th May. Details to follow...

Family Fun Day: Run by Derry & Raphoe. Saturday 18th May 10.00am – 3.00pm at the Dunlewey Centre. Lots of fun & games including a boat trip & treasure hunt! To book contact the rector or kirsty@derryandraphoe.org.

Summer Madness: Christian youth festival 28 June – 2 July. Details at <https://www.summermadness.co.uk/>

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

Prayer time: Fridays 12.30pm at the Mustard Seed, all welcome. **Prayer Meeting:** Tuesday 7th May 8pm Donegal Hall.

➔ **Raise the Roof:** Laghey's fundraising appeal for new church roof. Special envelopes have are out. To give by bank transfer please contact us. To give online see <https://www.gofundme.com/f/raise-the-roof-laghey-parish-church>. Keep plastic bottles and cans for refund collection. Golf Classic at Murvagh 7th June – help needed! Grants & donations: Heritage Dept €15,000, Donegal Co Co DFI €2,500, Donegal Credit Union €1,000, Naomh Bríd Gaelic Club €500, Leghowney Community Hall €250. Much appreciated. Please see new Facebook Page [Raise the Roof Laghey](#).

Bible Study: A biblical look at evangelism (sharing our faith). Wed 8pm Donegal Parish Church Hall or Thu 11am Donegal Presbyterian Church Hall. Starting 17th / 18th April through to end of May. With John Montgomery & David Huss.

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