



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey  
2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 – the First Sunday after Trinity

## Bible Reading for Today – Mark 2: 23-28

<sup>23</sup> One Sabbath Jesus was going through the cornfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some ears of corn.  
<sup>24</sup> The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?' <sup>25</sup> He answered, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? <sup>26</sup> In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.'  
<sup>27</sup> Then he said to them, 'The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. <sup>28</sup> So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.'

## Collect for Today

*God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## 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

**Thanks:**  
The Sabbath, gift of God for our good.  
**Prayer:**  
Wise use of Lord's Day.  
The Creightons (Nigeria) and Sarah (Armenia).  
Elections 7<sup>th</sup> June – wisdom and integrity.

## Rector's Thoughts

*Our readings this week return to Mark's Gospel where we meet Jesus locked into debate with the Pharisees about the meaning of the Sabbath. I'll say more about this on Sunday, when we'll also be joined by the Creightons for an update from Nigeria. Hope you can join us at our Communion services!*

## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 1200

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## Announcements

**Sunday services:** 2<sup>nd</sup> June HC (K,L,D); 9<sup>th</sup> June HC (LE), MP (L,D); 16<sup>th</sup> June MP (K,L,D); 23<sup>rd</sup> June Family Service (LE,L,D).


**The Creightons:** Meet and catch up with Rick & Alanna (Nigeria) on [Sunday evening 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7pm at the Rectory.](#)

**Sunday Schools:** Laghey 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> June. Donegal 16<sup>th</sup> June only (no Sunday School on 2<sup>nd</sup> June).

**The Mustard Seed:** Open Wed-Fri 10.30am-2pm. **Late night café** Fridays from 7pm (testimony night on 31<sup>st</sup> May).

**Prayer time:** Fridays 12.30pm at the Mustard Seed, all welcome. **Prayer Meeting:** Tue 4<sup>th</sup> June 8pm **at the Rectory.**

**St Columba's Day Service:** Open air celebration at Columba's birthplace Gartan Abbey, Church Hill County Donegal, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 3pm. This will be Rev David & Rev Heather Houlton's last service before retirement.

**Raise the Roof Laghey:** Work is progressing well! Please return your [Special envelope](#) or to give by [bank transfer](#) please contact us / see details in church. To give online see <https://www.gofundme.com/f/raise-the-roof-laghey-parish-church>. Please see [special Facebook Page Raise the Roof Laghey](#) and share the posts!  [Golf Classic](#) at Murvagh 7<sup>th</sup> June.

**Trash → Cash:** Bottles & cans with Re-turn logo can be left (clean & bagged please) at Kee's of Laghey Petrol Station.

**Walk & Talk Bereavement Group:** 'Woman warriors' starting Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June. 6 week block. First week @ the Bank Walk Donegal Town @7pm. Contact Glenda 087 6418681 or Tracy 087 7386558 for information.

**Artificial Intelligence:** A chance to learn about this subject from a Christian perspective with internationally renowned speaker, Professor John Lennox. Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 7.00pm at Fermanagh Christian Fellowship Enniskillen BT74 4RL.

**New Wine:** great Christian conference 14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July at ATU Sligo. Day passes available [www.newwineireland.org](http://www.newwineireland.org)

**Meet @ the beach:** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, details to follow. **Safeguarding Training:** Thu 20<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm Laghey.

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