



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

## Bible Reading for Today – Mark 7: 1-8

<sup>1</sup> The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus <sup>2</sup> and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup> (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. <sup>4</sup> When they come from the market-place they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.) <sup>5</sup> So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, 'Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?'

<sup>6</sup> He replied, 'Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. <sup>7</sup> They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules." <sup>8</sup> You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.'

## Collect for Today

*Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: Give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Rector's Thoughts

*We are greatly saddened by the death of Elizabeth Cave, wife of our former rector Dean Stephen Cave. Please remember her family, along with all of those recently bereaved, in your prayers.*

*In this week's reading Jesus points out that true religion must come from the heart if it is to be real.*

## 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:** Jesus tells it like it is. His clarity & courage.

**Prayer:** True, heartfelt following of our Lord.

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00

## Announcements

**Sunday services:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sept HC (K,L,D); 8<sup>th</sup> Sept HC (LE), MP (L,D); 15<sup>th</sup> Sept MP (K,L,D); 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept FS (LE,L,D).

**Contemporary Worship Service:** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30pm in Donegal Methodist Church.

**Raise the Roof Laghey:** Remember you can donate at [gofundme.com](https://gofundme.com) or by envelope or bank transfer (ask for details).

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

**The Mustard Seed:** Tea Room Wed-Fri 10.30am–2pm, **Prayer time** Fridays @12.30pm. **Bags from Nigeria** on sale now! We would welcome any **new volunteers** to help in the Mustard Seed with serving or baking. Talk to David or Louise.

**Late night café:** Fridays at the Mustard Seed 7pm until late. Fresh coffee, tasty treats, good company.

**Thank you:** to all involved in the Cake Sale and Heritage Open Day at Donegal Church. The cake sale raised €750.

**Big Restart:** Derry & Raphoe Youth event Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 11am-2.30pm at Oakfire Adventure Derry. For anyone in Secondary School. [Contact David to sign up.](#) **Youth Group:** We hope to begin Sunday nights again soon (15<sup>th</sup> Sept).

**Youth Drop-in:** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August at the Methodist Church 7.30 – 9.00pm. For Secondary Age.

**Sunday Schools:** We will aim to begin 15<sup>th</sup> Sept with Donegal on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month and Laghey 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Confirmation:** We plan to hold a Confirmation service around May/June 2025 (date will be set by the Bishop) for those in 6<sup>th</sup> class or above. Details will follow in the autumn and classes will be in the new year. Adult candidates also welcome.

**The 100-mile month:** The rector plans to walk 100 miles through the month of September in aid of Laghey roof. To sponsor him, or to join the challenge yourself, sponsor cards are available in church.

**Walking Warriors:** Bereavement walking group Mondays from 9<sup>th</sup> Sep. Meet 7pm Bosco Centre, Tea & talk in hall 8pm

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