



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

8th September 2024 – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Bible Reading for Today – Mark 7: 31-37

³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. ³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spat and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, 'Ephphatha!' (which means 'Be opened!'). ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosed and he began to speak plainly. ³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. 'He has done everything well,' they said. 'He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.'

Collect for Today

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: Grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel; that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

Looking at all the announcements listed below, I am deeply grateful to those whose hard work makes these things possible. We are truly blessed to have so many events and programmes for all ages. Please use the list for your prayers and of course please come along and join in with what is happening. I think you will be blessed! With love, David.

Phone Service

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Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00

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

Thanks: Jesus' healing power. Our churches and the opportunities we have

Prayer: Friendly welcome for newcomers. Growth in faith, hope and love. The bereaved, sick & lost.

Announcements

Sunday services: 8th Sept HC (LE), MP (L,D); 15th Sept MP (K,L,D); 22nd Sept FS (LE,L,D); 29th Sep Harvest (LE), MP (L,D)

Sunday Schools: Donegal 8th & 29th Sept, Laghey 8th & 15th Sept (apologies for change from previous announcement)

The 100-mile month: The rector (and others) are walking 100 miles in the month of September for Laghey roof. Sponsor cards are available in Laghey church or you can give by the [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com) page or direct to the rector or treasurer.

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 till late. Good company, tasty treats, nice coffee.

Big Restart: Derry & Raphoe Youth event Saturday 5th Oct 11am-2.30pm at Oakfire Adventure Derry. For anyone in Secondary School. Contact David to sign up. **Youth Group:** Sunday 15th Sept 7-8.30pm Laghey Hall.

Thursday Bible Club: Ballintra Methodist Hall 6.30 – 7.45pm 19th Sep, 17th Oct, 21st Nov, 12th Dec (National School age).

Harvest Thanksgiving: Lough Eske Mon 30th Sep Rev Rebecca Guildea (Belleek), Donegal Fri 4th Oct Rev Graham Hare (Omagh), Laghey Fri 11th Oct Rev Johnny McLoughlin (Sion Mills), Killymard Rev Chris Matchett (Fanad). All at 8pm.

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

Walking Warriors: Bereavement walking group Mondays from 9th Sep. Meet 7pm Bosco Centre, Tea & talk in hall 8pm. Contact Glenda 087 6418681 or Tracy 087 7386558 for details.

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