



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

15th September 2024 – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Bible Reading for Today – Mark 8: 27-38

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, 'Who do people say I am?' ²⁸ They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' ²⁹ 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?' Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah.' ³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. 'Get behind me, Satan!' he said. 'You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.' ³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.'

Phone Service

074 9710199

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00

Prayer Points

Pray for faithfulness.

Collect for Today

O Lord, Hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

This week's reading sets out Jesus' Identity (the Messiah), Mission (to die and rise again) and Call (take up your cross and follow me) – three essential things we need to understand and respond to.

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

Announcements

Sunday services: MP (L,D); 15th Sept MP (K,L,D); 22nd Sept FS (LE,L,D); 29th Sep Harvest (LE), MP (L,D); 6th Oct HC (K,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 form in Laghey church or use [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com) page or give direct to the rector or treasurer. 34 miles covered so far!

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 ASAP. **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: at 8pm L. 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 Fri 18th Oct Rev Chris Matchett (Fanad).

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. **Safeguarding Training** (Volunteers) Raphoe 23 Sep 7pm

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