



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

1st December 2024 – The First Sunday of Advent

Bible Reading for Today – Luke 21: 27-28, 34-36

²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' ...

... ³⁴ 'Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.'

Collect for Today

Almighty God, Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00

Phone Service

074 9710199

Prayer Points 🙏

- A blessed & holy Advent
- Young people & children
- Conflict zones & peace
- The general election
- The sick, bereaved, anxious & alone.

Rector's Thoughts

*"Lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."
Advent season is upon us. It's easy to get sucked into pre-Christmas craziness, but bigger blessings will come from focusing on the Saviour.*

Announcements

Sunday services: 1st Dec HC (K,L,D); 8th Dec HC (LE), MP (L,D); 15th Dec **Joint Service** ↓; 22nd Dec Carol Services (LE,L,D).

Joint Family Service: Sunday 15th Dec 11.00am @ Laghey. Children can bring a present for Donegal Hospital patients.

Sunday Schools: Sunday 1st Dec in Donegal and Sunday 8th Dec in Laghey, then returning January.

Contemporary Worship Service: Sunday 1st Dec 7.30pm in Laghey. Music by Sophie McHugh. Bring a friend!

Youth Group: Christmas Movie Night Sunday 8th Dec 7.00pm in Laghey Hall. For all young people of Secondary age.

The Mustard Seed: Tea Room Wed-Fri 10.30am–2pm, **Prayer time** Fridays 12.30pm. **Bags from Nigeria** on sale now!

Late night café: Fridays @ Mustard Seed 7pm till late. **Parish Prayer Meeting:** Tuesday 3rd Dec 8pm D Church Hall.

Christmas Communion Services: Christmas Eve Tue 24th Dec: 11.00pm Donegal. Christmas Day Wed 25th Dec: 9.00am Lough Eske, 10.15am Killymard, 11.30am Laghey. **Community Carol Service:** Sunday 22nd Dec 7.30pm Donegal.

Seniors' Christmas Party Laghey/Ballintra: Sandhouse Thu 5th Dec 1.30pm. €20 meal & music, ring 074 9722325.

Seniors' Christmas Party Donegal: Abbey Hotel Tues 10th Dec 11am. €12 incl. dinner & music, to book 074 9725337.

Glebe NS Carol Service: Tuesday 10th Dec 7pm Donegal Church. **Charity Tree lighting:** Mountcharles Ch. 3rd Dec 6pm.

Christmas Tree Festivals: Raphoe 29 Nov - 1 Dec, Ballyshannon 5 - 9 Dec. **Donegal Auction & Raffle:** €4,050 raised.

Blue Christmas: Services with reflection and time to remember and grieve, for those who might find Christmas difficult. Donegal Methodist Church Sunday 8th December at 7pm. Mountcharles Church of Ireland Tuesday 10th Dec at 7.30pm.

Confirmation: Will be held Sunday 25th May 2025 in Killymard at 12.00noon. Classes (for those in 6th class or above) on Sunday evenings starting mid-Jan. Adult confirmation candidates are also welcome (separate preparation will be given).

WWI Flanders and Somme trip: 25th – 28th Sept 2025 to include visiting the graves of those who died from the Donegal Group of Parishes. Run by Killymard Historic and Cultural Society; further info contact Mandy Ellis on 087 763 2891.

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