



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

8<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – The Second Sunday of Advent

## Bible Reading for Today – Luke 3: 1-6

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar – when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene – <sup>2</sup>during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

'A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

"Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.

<sup>6</sup>And all people will see God's salvation."

## Collect for Today

*Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: Give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Rector's Thoughts

*'On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.*

*Then cleansed be every heart from sin; make straight the way of God within; prepare we in our hearts a home, where such a mighty guest may come.'*

*Charles Coffin (1676-1749)*

*Based on Luke 3*

## 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 🙏

- Pray for the spreading of God's good news of salvation to all people.

- Pray for true repentance and firm faith in Christ.

- Pray for the lonely.

## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## Announcements

**Sunday services:** 8<sup>th</sup> Dec HC (LE), MP (L,D); 15<sup>th</sup> Dec **Joint Service ↓**; 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec Carol Services (LE,L,D); 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas.

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

**Sunday Schools:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec in Laghey, then returning January. **Carol Singing:** Donegal Hospital Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec.

**Youth Group:** Christmas Movie Night Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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

**Glebe NS Carol Service:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm Donegal Church. **Rathneeny Carol Service:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm.

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

**Confirmation:** Will be held Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025 in Killymard at 12.00noon. Classes (for those in 6<sup>th</sup> 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:** 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> 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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