



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

15<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – The Third Sunday of Advent

## Bible Reading for Today – Luke 2: 1-7

<sup>1</sup> In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And everyone went to their own town to register. <sup>4</sup> So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup> He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

## Collect for Today

*O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.*

## 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

**NB Joint service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec**

## Prayer Points 🙏

- Thank God for the gift of his Son the Lord Jesus.
- Pray for people who are finding Christmas hard.
- Pray for Syria, especially the Christian minority in that country.

## Rector's Thoughts

*I very much hope you can join us at the Joint Family Service this Sunday – a big part of the Christmas build-up! Please also note the times of our Holy Communion services and Carols.  
with Advent blessings, David*

## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## Announcements

**Sunday services:** 15<sup>th</sup> Dec **Joint Service** ↓; 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec Carol Services (LE,L,D); 29<sup>th</sup> Dec Carols (K), MP (L,D). [24/25 below]

**Joint Family Service:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 11.00am @ Laghey. With guest speaker Kirsty McCartney from Derry & Raphoe. Children can bring a small wrapped present of sweets/toiletries for Donegal Hospital patients. Thank you!

**Carol Singing:** At Donegal Community Hospital Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec, meet at 7pm in the hospital foyer.

**Community Carol Service:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 7.30pm Donegal Church, with local choirs. Collection to Donegal Hospital.

### Christmas Holy 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.

**The Mustard Seed:** Tea Room open Wed-Fri 10.30am–2pm, **Prayer time** on Fridays at 12.30pm.

**Late night café:** Fridays @ Mustard Seed 7pm till late. **Rathneeny Carol Service:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm.

**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. **Information Evening** for parents & candidates Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 6pm Laghey Hall.

**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.

**Bags from Nigeria:** On sale now at the Mustard Seed! Great gift which also benefits widows & children in Jos.

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