



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

5th January 2025 – The 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Bible Reading for Today – Jeremiah 29: 10-14

¹⁰This is what the LORD says: 'When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfil my good promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹**For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.** ¹²Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴I will be found by you,' declares the LORD, 'and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,' declares the LORD, 'and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.'

Collect for Today

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

As we enter the year 2025AD, we look to God who alone knows what the next twelve months will hold. There is great encouragement in our motto verse for the year:

For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. – Jeremiah 29:11

Happy New Year!

David

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

Everyone welcome!

Prayer Points 🙏

- Thank God for his plans, as yet unknown to us.
- Pray for faithfulness to God in the year ahead.
- Pray that people under pressure will know the presence of Jesus and the Holy Spirit's help.

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

Sunday services: 5th Jan HC (K,L,D); 12th Jan HC (LE), MP (L,D), 19th Jan MP (K,L,D); 26th Jan FS (LE,L,D).

Contemporary Worship Service: Sunday 5th January 7.30pm Donegal Methodist Church. Praise, teaching & prayer.

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

The Mustard Seed: Tea Room open Wed-Fri 10.30am-2pm, * Closing Fri 20th, re-opening Wed 8th January *

Late night café: Fridays @ Mustard Seed 7pm till late. **Prayer time:** @ Mustard Seed on Fridays at 12.30pm.

Prayer Meeting: Tuesday 7th January 2025 8pm in Donegal Church Hall.

Gospel Concert: Ballintra Methodist Ch, Sat 18th Jan 7.30pm, Phil & McKayla Stacey, in aid of Methodist Hospital, Ghana.

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.

Note from Treasurers: It would be greatly appreciated if all 2024 envelopes, sustentation etc. could be given in as soon as possible as this is a great help to the Treasurers. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you: to everyone who played a part in our Christmas events & services, and to everyone who has supported their parish in any way in 2024 (practically, prayerfully, financially, faithfully etc). It is greatly appreciated!

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