



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

12th January 2025 – The 1st Sunday after Epiphany

Bible Reading for Today – Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, 'I baptise you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.' ...

... ²¹ When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'

Collect for Today

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: Grant to us, who are born of water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

Our reading this week covers the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ – the beginning of his public ministry on earth. Take the opportunity to reflect on your own baptism and what it means to you. Pray that you will be led into a greater appreciation of this sacrament and a deeper experience of the Spirit-filled walk with God to which baptism calls us.

With blessings, 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 your baptism and God's call.
- Pray for our world and those entrusted with leadership.
- Pray for all sick, injured or troubled people in our community.

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

Sunday services: 12th Jan HC (LE), MP (L,D), 19th Jan MP (K,L,D); 26th Jan FS (LE,L,D); 2nd Feb HC (K,L,D).

Sunday Schools: During school term time: Laghey 2nd & 3rd Sunday of each month, Donegal 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month. Next one @Laghey 12th Jan, @Donegal 19th Jan. Talk to Caroline (Laghey) or Bev (Donegal) for more info.

Confirmation: Will be held Sunday 25th May 2025 in Killymard at 12.00noon. [Classes](#) (for those in 6th class or above) on Sundays at 6pm starting 19th Jan. [Information Evening](#) for parents & candidates Sunday 12th January 6pm Laghey Hall.

The Mustard Seed: Tea Room open Wed-Fri 10.30am–2pm. **NB** Check for weather-related closures.

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

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.

Bible Study: A series of Bible studies will take place on Wednesdays at 8pm (C of I Hall) / Thursdays at 11am (Presbyterian Hall) starting 29th / 30th January. Why not come along and learn more about the Good Book in an informal way?

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