



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

19th January 2025 – the 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Bible Reading for Today – John 2: 1-11

¹ On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, 'They have no more wine.' ⁴ 'Woman, why do you involve me?' Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.' ⁵ His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from eighty to a hundred and twenty litres. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to the brim. ⁸ Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.' They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.'

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Collect for Today

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

As we continue in the season of Epiphany, we're thinking about the ways Jesus is revealed to us: last week in his baptism; next week in his teaching; this week in his miracles. The first of those miracles was to turn water into about 700 bottles of top-quality wine. On Sunday we'll give more thought to how this rather striking event reveals the glory of Christ, and what we might do about it all.

God bless, 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

Prayer Points

- Praise for the glory and goodness of Jesus Christ.
- Pray that we would see and appreciate his love.

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

Sunday services: 19th Jan MP (K,L,D); 26th Jan FS (LE,L,D); 2nd Feb HC (K,L,D); 9th Feb HC (LE), MP (L,D).

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

Confirmation: Classes start this Sunday 19th Jan 6-7pm Laghey Hall for those who have registered.

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

Late night café: Fridays @ Mustard Seed 7pm till late. Good coffee, friendly atmosphere, all are welcome.

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

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, looking at the 7 signs of Jesus in John's Gospel. An informal way to learn about the Bible.

The Bereavement Journey: 7 sessions of films and discussion for anyone bereaved at any time. At the Mustard Seed Wednesdays at 7pm starting 19th January. Spaces limited, to book contact Sandra 083 3515400. Suggested donation €35.

Note from Treasurers: Please return any 2024 envelopes, sustentation etc. as soon as possible. Thank you very much.

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