



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

26<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

## Bible Reading for Today – Luke 4: 14-21

<sup>14</sup> Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. <sup>15</sup> He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. <sup>16</sup> He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

<sup>18</sup> *'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'*

<sup>20</sup> Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. <sup>21</sup> He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'

## Collect for Today

*Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Rector's Thoughts

*This Sunday we think about Jesus beginning his teaching ministry in the synagogue in Nazareth where he took the words of Isaiah the prophet and applied them to himself:*

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor."*

*It's great to remember that Jesus didn't just come to give us good advice but to bring us good news – in fact the best news in the world!*

## 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

**Everyone welcome!**

## Prayer Points

- Praise for the good news Jesus came to bring, along with healing and freedom.
- Pray that we would be active in sharing our faith, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## Announcements

**Sunday services:** 26<sup>th</sup> Jan Family Service (LE,L,D); 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb HC (K,L,D); 9<sup>th</sup> Feb HC (LE), MP (L,D); 16<sup>th</sup> Feb MP (K,L,D).

**Sunday Schools:** During school term: Laghey 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, Donegal 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

**Contemporary Worship:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 7.30pm Laghey Church. **Quiz sheets:** in church, David Perry's Senegal project.

**Confirmation:** Classes continue this Sunday 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.

**Bible Study:** A series of Bible studies will take place on Wednesdays at 8pm (C of I Hall) / Thursdays at 11am (Presbyterian Hall) starting 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> January. Spaces limited, to book contact Sandra 083 3515400. Suggested donation €35.

**Play it by Ear:** Drama for youth Sat 1<sup>st</sup> February 11am – 1pm Dunkineely Methodist Hall for National School age. Free!

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