



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

2nd February 2025 – the Presentation of Christ

Bible Reading for Today – Luke 2: 22-38

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord... ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ 'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. ³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.' ...

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

Collect for Today

Almighty and everliving God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our mortal nature: May we be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

The 2nd of February, 40 days from Christmas, is called 'the Presentation of Christ'. On this day we remember how Mary and Joseph presented their firstborn son at the temple, dedicating him to God, and how Simeon and Anna spoke of the child's identity and destiny.

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1st February is St Brigid's Day, considered one of the main historic Irish Christian figures alongside Patrick & Columba.

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

Pray for parents,
grandparents, godparents
and all who guide and
care for the young.

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

Sunday services: 2nd Feb HC (K,L,D); 9th Feb HC (LE), MP (L,D); 16th Feb MP (K,L,D); 23rd Feb MP (LE), FS (L,D).

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

Contemporary Worship: Sunday 2nd Feb 7.30pm Laghey Church. **Quiz sheets:** for Senegal (David Perry), see in church.

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: Wednesdays at 8pm (C of I Hall) / Thursdays at 11am (Presb. Hall), looking at the 7 signs in John's Gospel.

The Bereavement Journey: Course at the Mustard Seed Wednesdays at 7pm contact Sandra 083 3515400.

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

Table Quiz: Ballintra Methodist Church Sat 1st Feb 8pm. **Prayer Meeting:** Tuesday 11th February 8pm in the Rectory.

Paul Harron: Support the fundraiser for Paul at www.gofundme.com/supporting-pauls-road-to-recovery Thank you.

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