



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

9th February 2025 – Fourth Sunday before Lent

Bible Reading for Today – Luke 5: 1-11

¹ One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding round him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.'

⁵ Simon answered, 'Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.' ⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!' ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.' ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Collect for Today

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

The calling of Peter, James and John doesn't exactly follow modern recruitment practices! No CVs, interviews or aptitude tests – just a command, a miracle, and a deep sense of unworthiness for the task.

Have you heard the call of Jesus to trust, follow and fish for him? Have you responded to that invitation? Do you need to re-commit again?

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 faithfulness in hearing and responding to the call of the Lord Jesus.
- Pray for world leaders.

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

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

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

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.

Prayer Meeting: Tuesday 11th February 8-9pm at Rectory. **Ash Wednesday Service:** Tuesday 5th March 8pm Donegal.

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

Laghey Auction: In aid of hall development. Thu 27th March 8pm in the Rambling House, Laghey. Offers of lots welcome.

DRY weekend: For young people of secondary age. 28th -30th March at Gartan Outdoor Centre. Fun, outdoor activities and learning together with others from across Derry & Raphoe. Further details and sign-up forms from the Rector.

Killymard coffee Morning: Saturday 12th April 11am – 2pm Donegal Church Hall. Save the date!

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