



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

16<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Third Sunday before Lent

## Bible Reading for Today – Psalm 1

- 1 Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper.
- 4 As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish.

## Collect for Today

*Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: Give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise; that, among the many changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Rector's Thoughts

*This week we pay a visit to the book of Psalms, which opens with this wonderful poem about being rooted in God's word rather than running the way of the world. Perhaps this is a good reminder to start planning how we'll use Lent this year to grow closer to God.*

## 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

- Give thanks for the firm foundation of God's word.
- Pray for all Bible-based initiatives to flourish.
- Pray for young & old.

## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## Announcements

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

**Sunday Schools:** Laghey 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month, Donegal 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month. Both on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 😊

**Youth Group:** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 7-8.15pm @ Laghey. Fun, friendship, food & faith. For secondary age young people.

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

We are on the lookout for additional [volunteers](#) for baking and for serving in the tea room – speak to Louise/David.

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

**DRY weekend:** For young people of secondary age. 28<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**Ash Wednesday Service:** Wed 5<sup>th</sup> March 8pm Donegal. **St Patrick's Day Service:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 11am Donegal.

**Paul Harron:** Support the fundraiser for Paul at [www.gofundme.com/supporting-pauls-road-to-recovery](http://www.gofundme.com/supporting-pauls-road-to-recovery). Thank you.

**Laghey Auction:** In aid of Hall Development. Thu 27<sup>th</sup> March 8pm in the Rambling House, Laghey. Offers of lots welcome.

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

**Bishop Andrew's Online Services:** Watch out for the series on Derry & Raphoe Facebook starting Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Mar 4pm.

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