



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
9th March 2025 – The First Sunday in Lent

Bible Reading for Today – Luke 9: 28-36

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.' ⁴ Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone."' ⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, 'I will give you all their authority and splendour; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to.' ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours.' ⁸ Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."' ⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down from here.' ¹⁰ For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; ¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." ¹² Jesus answered, 'It is said: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' ¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Collect for Today

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: Give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

We're now in the Season of Lent with its 40 days of preparation for Easter. Traditionally a time to focus on spiritual disciplines like fasting and prayer, Lent gives an opportunity to re-set our priorities in a hectic world. Old habits can be left behind and new patterns set. Wishing you a holy Lent, 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

Pray for wisdom for world leaders in the present time of change and uncertainty.
Pray for our young people.

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

Sunday services: 9th Mar HC (LE), MP (L,D); 16th Mar MP (K,L,D); 23rd Mar MP (LE,L,D); 30th Mar Family Service.

St Patrick's Day Service: Monday 17th March 11am Donegal Parish Church.

Sunday School: Laghey 2nd & 3rd Sunday of month, Donegal 1st & 3rd Sunday of month. **Confirmation Class:** Sun @6pm.

Bible Study: Wed 8pm (C of I Hall) / Thu 11am (Presb. Hall). **Parish Prayer Meeting:** Tue 11th March 8pm Donegal Hall.

Laghey Auction: in aid of Hall Development Thursday 27th March at 8.00pm in the Rambling House, Laghey Offers of Lots welcome. Lots can be donated by contacting committee members Thomas 087 1802 033 or Des 087 2578 999 or drop off at Laghey Hall any Saturday morning from 9.00am to 10.00am.

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. All are welcome.

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

Killymard coffee Morning: Saturday 12th 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 9th Mar 4pm.

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