



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

23rd March 2025 – The Third Sunday in Lent

Bible Reading for Today – Luke 13: 1-9

¹ Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² Jesus answered, 'Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them – do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.'

⁶ Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig-tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷ So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, "For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig-tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?" ⁸ "Sir," the man replied, "leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig round it and fertilise it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

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 true repentance and a faith restored".
Pray for renewal from the Holy Spirit of God.

Collect for Today

Merciful Lord, Grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

In this week's reading, Jesus tackles the difficult subject of suffering. Comfortingly, he denies that suffering is a punishment for sin. But less comfortably, he says that suffering points to the need for all people to repent, regardless of circumstances. God calls us all to turn back to him while there is time.

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

Sunday services: 23rd Mar MP (LE,L,D); 30th Mar Family Service (K,L,D); 6th Apr HC (K,L,D); 13th MP (LE,L,D).

NB Family Services for March: Sunday 30th March (Mothering Sunday). **Bishop's Online Services:** Sundays at 4pm.

Sunday School: Laghey 2nd & 3rd Sunday of each month, Donegal 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month.

Laghey Auction: Thursday 27th March at 8.00pm in the Rambling House, Laghey. In aid of Hall Development Project. Drop off items at hall **Sat 9am – 1pm**. Contact Thomas 087 1802 033 or Des 087 2578 999. **Thanks for supporting.** 🙌

Christian Aid Tea: Sat 29th March 2-4pm Laghey Hall. Learn about Christian Aid's work with CEO Rosamund Bennett.

Youth Drop-in: Donegal Methodist Church Sat 19th March 7.30 – 9pm. Secondary School age.

Killymard Coffee Morning: Saturday 12th April 11am – 2pm Donegal Church Hall. Please plan to come!

Walking Warriors: Walk & talk bereavement group returns Mon 28th April 7pm. Glenda 0876418681 Tracy 0877386558.

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. **Bible Study:** Wed 8pm (C of I Hall) / Thu 11am (Presb. Hall).

Holy Week & Easter Services: Wed 16th Apr Methodist Ch 8pm; Thu 17th Presbyterian Ch 8pm; Good Friday 18th 11am Donegal Church, 8pm Killymard. Easter Day 6.30am Old Abbey, 8.30 L Eske, 9.30 Killymard, 10.45 Laghey, 12.00 Donegal.

Easter General Vestry Meetings: L Eske Mon 28 Apr, Killymard Wed 30 Apr, Donegal Wed 7 May, Laghey Mon 12 May.

Best wishes: to Revd Robert Wray as he retires from the Ardara Group of Parishes at the end of March.

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