



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey  
6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 ~ The Fifth Sunday in Lent

## Bible Reading for Today – John 12: 1-8

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Then Mary took about half a litre of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

<sup>4</sup> But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, <sup>5</sup> 'Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages.' <sup>6</sup> He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

<sup>7</sup> 'Leave her alone,' Jesus replied. 'It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.'

## Collect for Today

*Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: Grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of his victory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Rector's Thoughts

*This Sunday, two weeks before Easter, was traditionally called Passion Sunday ('passion' being an old word for the sufferings of Jesus). In our reading we find Jesus being anointed by his friend Mary. This act of costly worship didn't please Judas, but Jesus recognised the good intention and defended her.*

## 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

## Prayer Points

Praise the Lord Jesus for his great love towards us, leading him to suffer on the cross for our sake.

## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## Announcements

**Sunday services:** 6<sup>th</sup> Apr HC (K,L,D); 13<sup>th</sup> MP (LE,L,D); 20<sup>th</sup> April Easter HC (LE,K,L,D); 27<sup>th</sup> April MP (LE,L,D). More below:

**Bishop Andrew's Online Services:** Sundays at 4pm. **Prayer Meeting:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 8pm at the Rectory.

**Contemporary Worship Service:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm Laghey Parish Church. Come and give it a try.

**Sunday School:** Laghey 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, Donegal 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

**Laghey Hall Development:** Thanks to all who supported the auction last week! **DPOS:** Collection on Good Friday.

**Thursday Bible Club:** Ballintra Methodist Church Hall 10<sup>th</sup> April 6.30 – 7.45pm. For National School age children.

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

**Walking Warriors:** Walk & talk bereavement group returns Mon 28<sup>th</sup> 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 Joint Services:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 8pm in Donegal Methodist Church; Maundy Thursday 8pm Donegal Presbyterian Church; Good Friday 11am Donegal Parish Church. **Good Friday evening:** 8pm Killymard Parish Church.

**Easter Day Dawn Service:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 6.30am at the Old Abbey followed by breakfast at the Rectory.

**Easter Day Holy Communion:** 8.30am Lough Eske, 9.30am Killymard, 10.45am Laghey, 12.00noon Donegal.

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

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