



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

4<sup>th</sup> May 2025 ~ the Third Sunday of Easter

## Bible Reading for Today – John 21: 1-7

<sup>1</sup> Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. <sup>6</sup> He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

<sup>7</sup> Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!"

## Collect for Today

*Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: Give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## Rector's Thoughts

*This week's we read of another of Jesus' appearances after his resurrection. The miraculous catch of fish was not only a welcome feed but also a valuable lesson in following the Lord's instructions in the task of mission and evangelism.*

## 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 that Jesus is alive & active today.

Pray for the church in our task of sharing the gospel and 'fishing for people'.

## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## Announcements

**Sunday services:** 4<sup>th</sup> May HC (K,L,D); 11<sup>th</sup> May HC (LE), MP (L,D); 18<sup>th</sup> May MP (LE,L,D); 25<sup>th</sup> May **Confirmation** (K) 1200.

**Confirmation:** Service of Confirmation on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 12.00noon in Killymard. This will be the only service in the group of parishes on that day. Please pray for the 13 candidates. **NB** 9.30 service on 18<sup>th</sup> May is moved to Lough Eske.

**Sunday School:** Laghey 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May, Donegal 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May. **Prayer Meeting:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 8pm D Church Hall.

**Donegal Protestant Orphan Society:** If you have not yet had a chance to contribute, please use the special collection box which will be available for the next two Sundays. **DPOS AGM** at Letterkenny Wed 21<sup>st</sup> May 7.30pm.

**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. **Prayer Meeting:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 8pm at the Rectory.

**Walking Warriors:** Walk & talk bereavement group Mondays 7pm @ Bosco. Glenda 0876418681 Tracy 0877386558.

**Easter General Vestry Meetings:** Donegal Wed 7<sup>th</sup> May, Laghey Mon 12<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm.

**Killymard Historical & Cultural Society:** VE Day, WWII, Ireland and Donegal. Talk by Dr Andrew Charles of Ulster History Project Tue 13<sup>th</sup> May 8pm @ Sister Hazel West Hall Donegal Town, F94 X838. €10 at the door. Refreshments. All welcome.

**Family Fun Day:** Run by Kirsty from Derry & Raphoe. Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May Inniskeel Parish Hall Portnoo. Kite making, beach games & sandcastle competition! Bring your bucket and spade and a picnic! €5 per child. accompanying adults free. For a booking form please email [kirsty@derryandraphoe.org](mailto:kirsty@derryandraphoe.org) or complete [this form](#). Booking closes on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**Killymard BBQ:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 7pm at Ashtree Garden Centre. More details to follow. Save the date!

**St Columba's Day Service:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 3pm at Gartan Abbey, Churchill, Co. Donegal.

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