



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

11th May 2025 ~ the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Bible Reading for Today – John 10: 22-30

²² Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter,
²³ and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴ The Jews who were there gathered round him, saying, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.'

²⁵ Jesus answered, 'I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.'

Collect for Today

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: Raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

This week we turn to John 10 and Jesus' teaching about being the Good Shepherd and where he also makes the remarkable statement "I and the Father are one." This is no ordinary man but God the Son himself.

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

Everyone welcome!

Prayer Points

Give thanks for our Good Shepherd, God's Son.

Pray for Christians to hear the voice of the Shepherd and follow him.

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

Sunday services: 11th May HC (LE), MP (L,D); 18th May MP (LE, L,D); 25th May **Confirmation** (K) 1200; 1st June HC (K,L,D).

Confirmation: Service of Confirmation on Sunday 25th 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 18th May is moved to Lough Eske.

Sunday School: Laghey 11th & 18th May, Donegal 18th May. **Contemporary Worship:** 11th May 7.30pm Methodist Ch.

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 21st 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. Visit the Late Night Café social media pages for more info.

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

Youth Drop-in: Saturday 10th May 7.30-9.00pm Donegal Methodist Church. For Secondary School Age.

Easter General Vestry Meeting: Laghey Mon 12th May at 8pm.

Killymard Historical & Cultural Society: VE Day, WWII, Ireland and Donegal. Talk by Dr Andrew Charles of Ulster History Project Tue 13th 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 17th 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 or complete [this form](#). Booking closes on Wednesday 7th May.

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

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

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