

# **Parish Update**Donegal, Killymard, Lough Esk

## Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025 ~ The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

## Bible Reading for Today – Luke 10: 38-42

<sup>38</sup> As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, 'Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!' <sup>41</sup> 'Martha, Martha,' the Lord answered, 'you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed – or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from 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)

**Everyone welcome!** 

Online Services Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00 **Phone Service** 074 9710199

## 🙏 Prayer Points 🙏

Give thanks for Jesus who is willing to teach, guide and lead us.
Pray for the preaching and teaching of the word of God in our churches and schools.

- Pray for wise leadership in church and nation.

## **Collect for Today**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: Hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Rector's Thoughts

The account of the two sisters, Mary and Martha, beloved friends of Jesus, shows that however important it is to be busy serving the Lord, it is even more important to be served by him – to sit at his feet and listen to what he says. I hope that's something we can learn to do.

## **Announcements**

**Sunday Services:** 20<sup>th</sup> July MP (K,L,D); 27<sup>th</sup> July MP (LE,L,D); 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug HC (K,L,D); 10<sup>th</sup> Aug HC (LE), MP (L,D). **The Creighton Family:** Rick & family will be with us this Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July for an update from Nigeria.



The Mustard Seed: Tea Room open Wed-Fri 10.30am–2pm. Prayer time: @ Mustard Seed Fridays at 12.15pm.

Late Night Café: Fridays @ Mustard Seed 7pm to late. All are welcome for good company and good coffee.

#### **Coffee Morning:** In aid of Donegal Parish Church. Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 11am-2pm in Church Hall. Thanks for supporting!

**Barn Service & Mission:** At M Jervis's, Edrim Glebe F94 KF44. Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Sundays at 4pm, Mon-Fri at 8pm. Rev Sean McClafferty will preach on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> and Gordon Quinn will sing. All are welcome!

**Laghey Hall Upgrade:** We're grateful for new energy-efficient lights funded by the Department of Climate, Energy & Environment via Donegal County Council. New insulation, doors and windows are coming next under the same funding. Work is also underway on the Children's Play Area and Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) which will be a great asset.

Heritage Open Day: Laghey Parish Church Sunday 24th August 2-6pm. Enjoy discovering our church's history & people!

**Laghey-Ballintra Senior Citizens Summer Outing:** Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July. A trip on the Waterbus followed by dinner and dancing at the Central Hotel. Contact Margaret on 0871184117 before 20<sup>th</sup> July to book.

Rossnowlagh Presbyterian Church: Services will take place on Sunday evenings at 7pm through July & August.

**Holiday Bible Club:** Donegal Presbyterian Church 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> August. For all National School children including those starting in September. Book through this link: <u>https://form.jotform.com/251854117489365</u> or call Jean on 0864063823. **Gift Days:** If you have a Gift Sunday envelope for your parish, please return it to church or your Treasurer. Thanks!

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