



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

17<sup>th</sup> August 2025 ~ The 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

## Bible Reading for Today – Hebrews 11: 29-31 & 39-12:2

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched round them for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient... <sup>39</sup> These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

## 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

## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## Collect for Today

*Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: Open our hearts to the riches of his grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Rector's Thoughts

Today, part 2 of our look at Faith in Hebrews chapter 11. We see here how **future hope gives present strength**. This is the real, practical benefit of faith. It makes an enormous difference in the tough situations we face as human beings and as Christians.

**Keep the faith!**

## 🙏 Prayer Points 🙏

Pray for Faith in any & every situation.

## Announcements

**Sunday Services:** 17<sup>th</sup> Aug MP (K,L,D); 24<sup>th</sup> Aug MP (LE,L,D); 31<sup>st</sup> Aug MP (K,L,D); 7<sup>th</sup> Sep HC (K,L,D).

**Heritage Open Day:** Laghey Parish Church Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2-6pm. Enjoy discovering our church's history & people! Self-guided tours, displays, record books, diocesan magazines etc. plus refreshments and activities for children. Please let the Rector know if you could [help on the day](#) – no prior knowledge needed!

**Gift Days:** Please remember to return your special envelope via the Church collection or to the Treasurer. Thanks!

**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. Games night this Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Aug.

**Cancellation of Holiday Bible Club:** Due to low numbers, planned Presbyterian Bible Club will not go ahead next week.

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

**Big Restart 2025:** Derry & Raphoe Youth day at Todds Leap Ballygawley, Co. Tyrone including team games, Total Wipeout and Splatmaster. Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025, 10am - 3pm, €25 per person participating. Speak to the rector.

**Inver & Mountcharles Parish Waterbus Cruise:** Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> August Boarding at 6.30pm. Tickets: €20 Contact 0877836620.

**GriefShare:** Support Group Thursdays at 7.30pm from 4<sup>th</sup> September for 13 weeks. Donegal Methodist Church hall led by Glenda and Rev. John. Cost €25. To book your place contact Rev. John (0831651943) or Glenda (0876418681).

**Waterbus Outing in Memory of Karen Wray:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September Boarding at 6.30pm Sailing at 7pm sharp. Finger Food, Music & Raffle on board. Tickets €25 In aid of St Luke's & Donegal Hospice. For more information: 0861541234.

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