



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

31st August 2025 ~ The 11th Sunday after Trinity

Bible Reading for Today – Hebrews 13: 1 – 8

¹ Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³ Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are ill-treated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴ Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.' ⁶ So we say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?'

⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Collect for Today

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

The book of Hebrews is a real eye-opener, ranging from the lofty theology of ch12 to the down-to-earth practicality of ch13. Underpinning it all is the principal of the supremacy of Christ. Because Jesus is the same yesterday, today and for ever, all of life revolves around him. Or at least it should, if it's going to be a happy, balanced and ultimately secure life.

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

Prayer Points

- Give thanks for the fact that Jesus never changes.
- Pray for the kindness, hospitality, purity, wisdom, confidence and all other good things mentioned in Hebrews ch13.

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

Sunday Services: 31st Aug MP (K,L,D); 7th Sep HC (K,L,D); 14th Sep HC (LE), MP (L,D); 21st Sept MP (K,L,D).

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.

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

GriefShare: Support Group Thursdays at 7.30pm from 4th 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).

Donna's Half Marathon: in memory of Aaron Scott. Sponsor at: <https://eventmaster.ie/fundraising/pages/DM01533705>.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services: Lough Eske: Monday 29th Sept 8pm. Donegal: Weekend of 3rd/4th/5th October, details to be confirmed. Laghey: Friday 10th October 8pm. Killymard: Friday 17th October 8pm. Collection for Kondoa Diocese.

Prayer Meeting: Tue 9th September 8pm @ Rectory. **Contemporary Worship:** Donegal Meth Ch Sun 14th Sept 7.30pm.

Rev Sean McClafferty: Service of welcome at All Saints Church Newtowncunningham Friday 5th Sept at 8pm.

Ministry Student Placement: Joel Gillin will be in our group of parishes 5th – 28th Sept. He's training for ordained ministry in the Church of England. He would welcome any invitations to coffee/lunch/tea/dinner!

Financial Help: A reminder that there are some charitable grants for people in need. Speak to the Rector in confidence.

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