

Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey 7th Sept 2025 ~ The 12th Sunday after Trinity

Bible Reading for Today - Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

¹⁵ See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. ¹⁶ For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess...

¹⁹ This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

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!

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00

Phone Service

074 9710199

- Give thanks for the life that flows from God.

Prayer Points

- Pray for all that is lifeaffirming and life-giving, including world peace, health and wellbeing, purpose for young and old, all who find life hard.

Collect for Today

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire, or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask save through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

"Choose life."

That two-word sentence is a call to put God at the centre of everything, not as an add-on accessory or a kind of emergency contact number but as the source of your life. Love him, trust him and follow him.

Announcements

Sunday Services: 7th Sep HC (K,L,D); 14th Sep HC (LE), MP (L,D); 21st Sept MP (K,L,D); 28th Sept Harvest (LE), FS (L,D).

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).

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

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. Sunday Schools: Beginning 21st Sept Laghey & Donegal.

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.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services: Lough Eske: Monday 29th Sept 8pm. Donegal: (almost certainly) Sunday 5th October 7.30pm. Laghey: Friday 10th October 8pm. Killymard: Friday 17th October 8pm. Collection for Kondoa Diocese Tanzania.

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!

Laghey Development: Work is taking place on adjusting the layout of the car parks to facilitate vehicle access.

St Eunan's 1400th Anniversary Service: St Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe Tuesday 23rd September at 7.00pm. Evening Prayer service with historical talk by archaeologist Dr Brian Lacey.

Vocations Sunday: On 21st September our services will have a particular focus on God's call to ministry of all kinds.

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