



# Parish Update

**Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sept 2025 ~ Trinity 14 & St Matthew's Day**

## Bible Reading for Today – Matthew 9: 9-13

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. <sup>10</sup> While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>13</sup> But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'"

## 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

## Prayer Points

Pray for God to send out workers into his harvest field.

Pray for the church to be well supplied with godly ministers.

## Collect for Today

*O almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax-collector to be an apostle and evangelist: Give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches; that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

## Rector's Thoughts

Make no mistake: Jesus is calling you & me to follow him, every bit as much as he called Matthew 2,000 years ago. It will actually make a difference to your life Monday-Saturday and it will be worth everything you give to it.

## Announcements

**Sunday Services:** 21<sup>st</sup> Sept MP (K,L,D); 28<sup>th</sup> Sept **Harvest (LE)**, Family Service (L,D); 5<sup>th</sup> Oct HC (K,L) **Harvest (D)**.

**Sunday Schools:** Beginning 21<sup>st</sup> Sept at Laghey (during 1045 service) & Donegal Town (during 1200 service).

**Vocations Sunday:** This Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September our morning services will have a particular focus on God's call to ministry of all kinds. Joel Gillin (minister-in-training) will be the preacher. He has been enjoying meeting people around the parish.

**Harvest Thanksgiving Services & Preachers:** Christ Church Lough Eske Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 8pm, Mr Don Elliott. Donegal Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm, Canon Malcolm Kingston. Laghey Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 8pm, Ms Hannah O'Neill. Killymard Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 8pm, Rev Adrian Dorrian. Collection for Kondoa Diocese Tanzania. See you there!

**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. **This Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept BBQ** from 7.30-8.30pm, €5. Guest speaker at 9pm.

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

**St Eunan's 1400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service:** St Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.00pm. Evening Prayer service with short talks by historians Mary Harte & Dr Brian Lacey. A unique event worth making time for.

**Harvests:** There are lots of Harvest services in other churches around the locality. Why not go along to give them encouragement? You might especially think about the smaller churches, for example Glencolumbkille (Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm with David Huss & Joel Gillin) or Glenties (Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm with Bishop Andrew).

**Boys Brigade:** The Donegal BB Company will be re-starting from mid-October, on Monday nights. New recruits and new helpers would both be very welcome. Contact the rector in the first instance and he will put you in touch.

**Walking Warriors:** The walk & talk bereavement group is back. Mondays at 7pm starting from John Bosco centre.

**Thursday Bible Club:** For national school kids in Ballintra Methodist Hall. Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 6.30 – 7.45pm.

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