



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

26th October 2025 ~ 5th Sunday before Advent

Bible Reading for Today – Luke 18: 9-14

⁹To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: "God, I thank you that I am not like other people – robbers, evildoers, adulterers – or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get." ¹³'But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

¹⁴'I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

Collect for Today

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Help us to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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 God's mercy.

Confess your pride and ask for humility.

Pray for our new president and all leaders.

Phone Service

074 9710199

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00

Rector's Thoughts

This week's reading tells us that God approves the person who humbly asks for mercy, and rejects the person who proudly brags about their achievements.

Lord, have mercy on us all.

Announcements

Sunday Services: 26th Oct MP (LE), Family Service (L,D); 2nd Nov HC (K,L,D); 9th Nov Remembrance Sunday HC(LE) MP(L,D)

Sunday Schools: Laghey second & third Sunday of each month, Donegal first & third Sunday of each month.

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 from 7pm. **Shoe boxes:** It's time! Deadline 10th Nov. Leaflets in church.

Glebe National School: Enrolment for the coming school year 2026/27 is now open. If you wish to enrol your child, please contact the office at admin@glebenationalschool.ie to request an *Intention to Enrol* form.

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 8pm in Mustard Seed or Thursdays at 11am in Presbyterian Church (not mid-term week).

Luncheon Clubs: Fridays 12-2pm in Donegal & Ballintra. Rev John Montgomery 0831651943 for details & booking.

Harvest Social: Sister Hazel West Hall Donegal Town Sat 25th Oct 8pm. Tickets (€10, children free) from Robert Ellis.

Contemporary Worship: Laghey 9th Nov 7.30pm. **Solace Centre Remembrance Service:** Fri 14th Nov 7.30pm.

Pray with the Creightons online: Monday 3rd November 7.30pm. Come to the Rectory where we will join the online prayer meeting of the Crosslinks mission society. Rick & Alannah will join by video call from Jos, Nigeria.

Free Bibles: Do you need a Bible? We have some free copies of the New International Version (same version we read in church) in each of the churches and at the Mustard Seed. Take one for yourself or a friend.

Bible App: Looking for a Bible for your smartphone? One of my favourites is [YouVersion](https://www.bible.com) from [Bible.com](https://www.bible.com) which has features like different Bible translations, reading plans, audio Bible etc. Find it on Google Play Store / Apple App Store.

 **Clocks go back** this Sunday 26th Oct. **No Parish Update** or mid-week events next week (mid term break).

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