

## **Parish Update**

# Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 ~ The Sunday before Advent

#### Bible Reading for Today - Jeremiah 23: 3-6

<sup>3</sup> 'I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. <sup>4</sup>I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,' declares the LORD. <sup>5</sup> 'The days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Saviour.

#### **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

#### **Phone Service**

074 9710199

#### Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00

### A Prayer Points 🙏

Give thanks for Jesus Christ the perfect King.

Pray for Jesus' followers to live up to the high calling we have received, serving the weak and vulnerable with love and care.

#### **Collect for Today**

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### Rector's Thoughts

Revelations about safeguarding failures in the Presbyterian
Church in Ireland are unsettling for all of us.
We all need to stay vigilant and to follow our safeguarding policies with care & attention.

#### **Announcements**

Sunday Services: 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov MP (LE), Family Service (L,D); 30<sup>th</sup> Nov MP (K,L,D); 7<sup>th</sup> Dec HC (K,L,D); 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Joint Service.

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. Late Night Café: Fridays @ Mustard Seed from 7pm.

**Safeguarding:** A reminder that you can speak to the Parish Panel with any questions or concerns. Details on the poster in each church & hall or on <a href="mailto:donesquestions.com/d

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 8pm in the Mustard Seed or Thursdays at 11am in Presbyterian Church Hall (upstairs).

**Christmas Raffle and Auction:** in aid of Donegal Parish Church Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 8.30pm in the Abbey Hotel. Raffle tickets from any vestry member. Great prizes including hotel voucher & meal vouchers. Auction on the night.

**Save the dates:** Glebe NS Carol Service Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm. Joint Family Service Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 11am. Community Carol Service 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 7.30pm. All in Donegal Parish Church. Full details of Christmas services coming soon...

**Donegal Town Flower Club:** Christmas Demonstration by John Paul Deehan Tue 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 8pm St Patrick's Parish Centre.

**Laghey Senior Citizens' Christmas Party:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm Sandhouse Hotel Rossnowlagh. €20 per person, book via Margaret McFadden 0871184117.

**Blue Christmas:** A quiet service for anyone who wants space, a quiet place of reflection and for anyone for whom this might be a difficult time of year. Please join us at St. John's Church, Inver Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 8.00pm.

Financial Help: Feel free to speak to the rector confidentially about some charitable grants that can be applied for.

**Advent Quiet Day:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 10am-2.30pm Holy Trinity Carrigart. Open to all. Led by Rev Adrian Dorrian. Soup & sandwich lunch at the Carrigart Hotel. €15. Booking by text 0874564677 or email <a href="letterkennyrector@gmail.com">letterkennyrector@gmail.com</a>

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