



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

30th November 2025 ~ The First Sunday of Advent

Bible Reading for Today – Matthew 24: 36-44

³⁶ 'But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴² 'Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Collect for Today

Almighty God, Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

"Be ready!"

Jesus is coming to judge the world. Repent of sin, believe the gospel and live a godly life. That's how to be ready.

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

Why not use the Collect of the Day (above) as a kick-start for your prayers this week as we enter the season of Advent.

Phone Service

074 9710199

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00

Announcements

Sunday Services: 30th Nov MP (K,L,D); 7th Dec HC (**LE**,L,D); **14th Dec Joint Service D 11am**; 21st Dec MP (K,L,D).

* **NB Service Swap:** The 9.30am service on 7th Dec will be at Lough Eske not Killymard. Also NB Joint Service on 14th Dec.

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.

Prayer Meeting: Tuesday 2nd December 8pm at the Rectory. One hour to pray for parish, community and world.

Save the dates: Glebe NS Carol Service Tuesday 9th Dec 7pm. Joint Family Service Sunday 14th Dec 11am.

Community Carol Service: 21st Dec 7.30pm Donegal Parish Church. Collection for Solace Cancer Support Centre.

Christmas Services: Christmas Eve 11.00pm Laghey; Christmas Day 9.00am L. Eske, 10.15am K'mard, 11.30am Donegal.

Senior Citizens' Christmas Parties: Laghey Thu 11th Dec 1.30pm Sandhouse Hotel Rossnowlagh, €20, book via Margaret McFadden 0871184117. Donegal Mon 8th Dec 11am – 4pm Central Hotel, €20, book via 074 9725337 / 086 1624788.

Tusla Fostering: needs more foster carers for short, long term & respite care. Change a child's life and talk to Tusla by freephone 1800 226 771 or visit www.fostering.ie to learn more. **Blue Christmas:** Inver Church Tuesday 2nd Dec 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 6th 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 letterkennyrector@gmail.com

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