



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

7<sup>th</sup> December 2025 ~ The Second Sunday of Advent

## Bible Reading for Today – Romans 15: 7-13

<sup>7</sup> Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. <sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed <sup>9</sup> and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: 'Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name.' <sup>10</sup> Again, it says, 'Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people.' <sup>11</sup> And again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him.' <sup>12</sup> And again, Isaiah says, 'The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope.' <sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## Collect for Today

*Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: Give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Rector's Thoughts

← The last verse of this week's reading is beautiful. We would do very well to be praying that for each other. Let's overflow with hope!

## 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

## Prayer Points

Pray like Romans 15:13 – for joy, peace and hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## Phone Service

074 9710199

## Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00

## Announcements

**Sunday Services:** 7<sup>th</sup> Dec HC (LE, L, D); 14<sup>th</sup> Dec **Joint Service D 11am**; 21<sup>st</sup> Dec MP (K, L, D); 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Dec see below.

\* **NB Service Swap:** The 9.30am service on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec will be at Lough Eske not Killymard.

**Joint Family Service:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 11am at Donegal Parish Church. Children may bring a small wrapped present which will be given to patients and residents in Donegal Community Hospital and Rowanfield House. Thank you!

**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.

**Glebe National School Carol Service:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm Donegal Parish Church. All are welcome!

**AVS Carol Service:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.30pm Donegal Church. **Rathneeny Carols by Candlelight:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm.

**Community Carol Service:** Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.30pm Sandhouse Hotel Rossnowlagh, €20, book via Margaret McFadden 0871184117. Donegal Mon 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.fostering.ie) to learn more. **Blue Christmas:** Methodist Church Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm.

**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 [letterkennyrector@gmail.com](mailto:letterkennyrector@gmail.com)

**Pastoral Care:** As always please let the rector know if you or someone in your family is in hospital or in need of pastoral support or a visit. Contact details below:

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