



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

21st December 2025 ~ The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Bible Reading for Today – Matthew 1: 18-25

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: his mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.'

²² All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ 'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel' (which means 'God with us'). ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Collect for Today

God our redeemer, who prepared the blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: Grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

Christmas is a time to rejoice that we are not left sunk in sins and sorrows, but lifted from them by the Saviour who came as a baby.

May his peace and joy fill your heart and your home.

With love from all of us at the Rectory to everyone in your household.

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

Everyone welcome!

Prayer Points

Pray for peace and joy this Christmas, and remember those for whom the challenges of life make it a more difficult time.

Phone Service

074 9710199

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12.00

Announcements

Sunday Services: 21st Dec MP (K,L,D); 24th & 25th Dec see below; 28th Dec MP (LE,L,D); 4th Jan HC (K,L,D).

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

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

Christmas Eve: Holy Communion 11.00pm Laghey.

Christmas Day: Holy Communion 9.00am L. Eske, 10.15am Killymard, 11.30am Donegal.

The Mustard Seed: Tea Room open Wed-Fri 10.30am–2pm. Closing Fri 19th for Christmas break, re opens Wed 7th Jan.

Late Night Café: Fridays @ Mustard Seed from 7pm. Closed 26th December.

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 are below. Visits to the housebound will take place between now and Christmas DV.

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

Treasurers' Message: A reminder that any envelopes, donations or other giving for the year 2025 can be received now.

Parish Update will take a break for a week, back in 2026! Thanks to everyone for all prayers and support in the past year.

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