



# Parish Update

## Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske & Laghey

### 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026 ~ The First Sunday after Epiphany

#### In-Church Services this Sunday

9.30 Lough Eske (Holy Communion)  
10.45 Laghey (Holy Communion + Sunday School)  
12.00 Donegal (Holy Communion)

#### Online Services (on Facebook)

Friday prayer time 1pm; Sunday service 12.00

#### Phone Service

Dial 074 9710199 from any phone

#### Bible Reading for Today – Matthew 3: 13-17

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John.

<sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?'

<sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, 'Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness.' Then John consented.

<sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptised, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'

#### Collect for Today

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: Grant to us, who are born of water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Announcements

**Sunday Services:** 11<sup>th</sup> Jan HC (LE,L,D); 18<sup>th</sup> Jan HC (K) MP (L,D); 25<sup>th</sup> Jan MP (LE), Family Service (L,D); 1<sup>st</sup> Feb HC (K,L,D).

**Sunday Schools:** Laghey on the second & third Sunday of each month, Donegal first & third Sunday of each month in school term.

**The Mustard Seed:** Tea Room open Wed-Fri 10.30am-2pm.

**Late Night Café:** Now fortnightly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month @ Mustard Seed from 7pm.

**Laghey Hall Playground:** Congratulations to Laghey Hall Development Committee on the completion of the play area next to the hall. A super facility for our parish and the wider community.

**Carol Service:** The Collection at the Community Carol Service raised €2,019.75 for Solace Cancer Support Centre. Thank you all!

**Welcome:** to Revd Janet Broderick who will be serving in the Ardara Group of Parishes from 11<sup>th</sup> January. Service of Introduction to follow.

**Best Wishes:** to incoming Roman Catholic Bishop of Raphoe Dr Niall Coll who will be installed on 25<sup>th</sup> January. Dr Coll was at one time Parish Priest in Donegal Town.

**Treasurers' Message:** Final call for any remaining envelopes, donations or other giving for the year 2025. For Donegal & Laghey Parishioners, 2026 envelopes and copies of financial reports are available from the church porch. Thank you!

#### Prayer Points

Give thanks for the baptism of our Lord and also for your own baptism.

Pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church today.

Remember all who are bereaved or facing other challenges & changes.

#### Rector's Thoughts

The Twelve Days of Christmas are now behind us and we move into the season of Epiphany, in which we think of the glory of Jesus being made known to the nations. This Sunday the Gospel is about the Baptism which launched his ministry.

#### Sunday Service Pattern

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

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