



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske & Laghey

1st February 2026 ~ Epiphany 4 & St Brigid's Day

In-Church Services this Sunday

9.30 Killymard (Holy Communion)
10.45 Laghey (Holy Communion)
12.00 Donegal (Holy Communion)

Online Services (on Facebook)

Friday prayer time 1pm; Sunday service 12 noon

Phone Service

Dial 074 9710199 from any phone at any time

Bible Reading for Today – 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

¹⁸For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written: 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.' ²⁰Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²²Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Collect for Today

Father, by the leadership of your blessed servant Brigid you strengthened the Church in this land: As we give you thanks for her life of devoted service, inspire us with new life and light, and give us perseverance to serve you all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Points

- Thank God for the way he has worked in Ireland over many centuries.
- Pray for our country, that it will once again be positively shaped by the message of the cross of Christ.

Announcements

Sunday Services: 1st Feb HC (K,L,D); 8th Feb HC (LE), MP (K,D); 15th Feb MP (K,L,D); 22nd Feb MP (LE,L,D). No Family Service in Feb.

CHANGE to Sunday School: Please note that both Laghey and Donegal Sunday Schools are now being held on the second & third Sunday of each month during school term.

Prayer Meeting: Tuesday 3rd Feb 8.30pm at Donegal Church Hall. Please note the later time this month.

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

Late Night Café: Now fortnightly on the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month @ Mustard Seed from 7pm till late.

Bible Study: Wednesday nights 8pm @ Mustard Seed or Thursday mornings 11am @ Presbyterian Hall, beginning 21st / 22nd Jan.

Christianity Explored: Thursdays at 7.30pm, Donegal Methodist Church Hall 29th Jan to 12th March. Contact Rev John 0831651943.

Deadline: Any Donegal Parish 2025 envelopes to be returned by 1st Feb please. Later than this will be included in 2026 accounts.

Ash Wednesday: 18th Feb Holy Communion Donegal 8pm. Traditional service to mark the beginning of Lent.

Rector's Thoughts

Last week we heard about the conversion of St Paul and this week we have one of his great passages, about the cross (see reading above).

The message of Christ crucified may seem weak and foolish, but it has triumphed over other philosophies and transformed the world.

Sunday Service Pattern

9.30 Killymard (1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday)
Lough Eske (2nd & 4th Sunday)
10.45 Laghey (every Sunday)
12.00 Donegal (every Sunday) + online

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