



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske & Laghey

22nd February 2026 ~ The First Sunday in Lent

In-Church Services this Sunday

9.30 Lough Eske (Morning Prayer)
10.45 Laghey (Morning Prayer)
12.00 Donegal (Morning Prayer)

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 – Matthew 4: 1-11

¹ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² After fasting for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.' ⁴ Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."' "

Collect for Today

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: Give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

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

Ash Wednesday Service: 18th Feb 8pm Donegal Parish Church Holy Communion (Traditional form) to mark the beginning of Lent.

Sunday Schools: Laghey & Donegal 2nd & 3rd Sunday of 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. **Quiz Night 27th Feb.**

Bible Study: Wed 8pm M Seed / Thu 11am Presb. (Not 18/19 Feb)

Coffee Morning: In aid of Killymard Parish Church. Saturday 14th March 10.30am – 1.30pm in Donegal Church Hall. Don't miss it!

Walking Together: Ecumenical walk to Christian sites in Donegal Town, Saturday 7th March starting 2pm at Old Abbey.

Walk for Kondo: Drumholm → Donegal → Mountcharles with Bishop Andrew, Monday 16th March, details to follow.

Laghey Flowers and Cleaning: Thank you to everyone who donated towards flowers in the church over the past year. This is greatly appreciated. There are a couple of gaps on the church cleaning rota – could you help? Speak to the Rector if so. Thanks!

Tax Refund (Laghey): Please could you fill in a CHY3 form (available from church porch) so we can reclaim tax on your giving.

St Patrick's Day: Tue 17th March 11.00am Communion Donegal.

Hilltown Social: Sat 21st Feb Ballintra Orange Hall 8pm. Tickets €10, children free (suitable for 8+). Entertainment & supper.

Blood Donation: Abbey Hotel 4th / 5th March, full details online.

Prayer Points

Praise God for the steadfastness of Jesus under temptation.

Pray for grace to do likewise.

Pray for humility and strength when under pressure.

Rector's Thoughts

As we enter the season of Lent, may it be a time for drawing closer to God. Whether you are giving something up, taking something on or just trying to carry on with your normal routine, may the Holy Spirit direct and rule your heart.

David

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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