



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske & Laghey

23rd August 2026 ~ the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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 16: 13-20

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Collect for Today

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask save through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Sunday Services: 23rd Aug MP (LE,L,D); 30th Aug MP (K,L,D).

The Mustard Seed: Open Wed-Fri 10.30am–2pm. Drop in for tea!

Late Night Café: 2nd & 4th Friday of the month from 7pm till late. The Late Night Café will be coming to a close at the end of August (extra special final night on 28th August).

CMSI: Annual Ignite conference Sat 12th Sept 10.30am – 5pm in Dromantine, Newry. A great way to connect with world mission. Book at www.cmsireland.org/ignite. Also, please check out Emma's account of her recent Kenya visit at www.cmsireland.org/blog.

Grief Share: Help & encouragement after the death of a loved one. 13 week course Thursdays at 7.30pm from 3rd Sept Donegal Methodist Hall. Cost €30. Contact David Shortt 0838234434 or Glenda Love 0876418681. You are welcome. You are not alone.

First Aid Course: Sat 24th Oct 9.30am – 4.30pm in Laghey Hall. Run by Derry & Raphoe, contact David Huss if you would like to attend.

Lough Eske Heritage Walk: 5km walk led by David Perry around Ardnamona woods & gardens, Friday 21st Aug 6.30 – 9.30pm, meeting point will be signposted from L Eske crossroads. Cost €10.

Prayer Meeting: Tuesday 1st Sept 8-9pm Donegal Church Hall. One hour to pray for our parishes, community and world.

Rector's Thoughts

"you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church..."

These words have brought both inspiration and division to Christians over the years. With God's help, we'll see what we can learn from them in Sunday's sermon.

Prayer Points

Thank God for his church and all the blessings we receive through being in it.
Pray for Christians to be faithful to the high calling we have in Jesus Christ.
Remember all who are unwell, injured, troubled, bereaved, or in any distress.

Sunday Service Pattern

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

Contact: Archdeacon David Huss: 074 9721075 or 087 2882484 ~ Parish Office & The Mustard Seed: 074 9702329

Email: donegalparish4@gmail.com ~ Facebook / Instagram / YouTube / Twitter @DonegalGroupofParishes

Web: donegal.raphoe.anglican.org ~ Safeguarding info: donegal.raphoe.anglican.org/safeguarding