



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske & Laghey

30th August 2026 ~ the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

In-Church Services this Sunday

9.30	Killymard	(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: 21-27

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. ²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 'Never, Lord!' he said. 'This shall never happen to you!'

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.'

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

Collect for Today

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: Help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted on the cross, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements

Sunday Services: 30th Aug MP (K,L,D); 6th Sept HC (K,L,D).

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

Late Night Café: Special final night Friday 28th August. BBQ from 7.30-8.30pm €10. Worship and Mission story after (no charge).

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.

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

* **No online/phone services** on Friday 28th or Sunday 30th August.

Harvest Dates: Lough Eske Mon 28th Sep 8pm, Donegal Sun 4th Oct 7.30pm, Laghey Fri 9th Oct 8pm, Killymard Fri 16th Oct 8pm.

Rector's Thoughts

In last week's reading Peter got it exactly right when he declared Jesus to be the Messiah. This time he's completely wrong when he assumes that the Messiah can't die and rise again.

The cross and resurrection of Jesus are central to our faith.

Prayer Points

Thank God for Jesus dying and rising again for us.

Pray for understanding of these things, and a true discipleship.

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*

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