Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske & Laghey

29th November 2026 ~ The First Sunday of Advent

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 – Isaiah 64: 1-4

[1] Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! [2] As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! [3] For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. [4] Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

Collect for Today

Almighty God, Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements

Sunday Services: 29th Nov MP (K,L,D); 6th Dec HC (**LE**,L,D); 13th Dec **Joint Service K 11am**; 20th Dec Carols (**LE**,L), MP (D), Community Carols D 7.30pm; 24th & 25th Dec see below; 27th Dec MP (**K**,L,D).

The Mustard Seed: Closed this week. Reopens Wed 2nd Dec.

Donegal Christmas Auction & Raffle: €4,980 raised – well done!

Prayer Meeting: Tuesday 1st Dec 8.00pm Donegal Church Hall.

Donegal Seniors Party: Mon 7th Dec 11am – 4pm in Central Hotel. 3 course lunch & music €20 per person, book at 074 9725337.

Laghey/Ballintra Seniors Party: Thu 10th Dec 1.30pm Sandhouse Hotel. €20 per person, book with Margaret on 087 1184117.

Joint Advent Family Service: Sunday 13th Dec at Killymard 11am. (*Killymard & Lough Eske Sundays will swap in December to fit in.)

Glebe NS Carol Service: Tue 15th Dec 7pm Donegal Parish Church.

Community Carol Service: Sun 20th Dec 7.30pm Donegal Parish Church. Collection Jigsaw Donegal (young people's mental health).

New Children's Book: By Rev John Montgomery. Available in the Mustard Seed, price €6 with profits going to Fields of Life.

Visit to Kondoa: A Derry & Raphoe team will go to Tanzania for two weeks in August 2027. Could you be part of it? Information event on Wednesday 2nd Dec 7.30pm @ Diocesan Centre, Derry.

Christmas Eve: 11.00pm Donegal.
Christmas Day: 9.00am L Eske, 10.15 Killymard, 11.30 Laghey.

Rector's Thoughts

The season of Advent is about waiting for the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah is one of many where God's Old Testament people expressed their longing for the Messiah's arrival. Now we, too, wait for him to come again in glory.

🙏 Prayer Points 🙏

Thank God for the hope of his coming.
Pray for patience in days of waiting.
Pray for the holiness of God's people.

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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