



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

Sun 14th June – Trinity 1

Gospel reading for Today – Matthew 9:35 – 10:8

The Workers Are Few

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

Collect for Today

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Rector's Thoughts

The description of Jesus' ministry in the reading opposite highlights his priority to reach people with the life-changing message he calls “the good news of the kingdom.” He asks for prayer that more workers would be sent out into the harvest field. That would be a great prayer for us to pray in these times of change and opportunity. But be careful – you might end up becoming the answer to your own prayer!

Online Services (on Facebook Live)

Sun at 11am, Wed at 8pm, Fri at 1pm

Announcements

Food Bank : Thank you to all those that have supported this great cause. Food donations can be dropped off at The Mustard Seed Tues between 11am and 1pm. This will finish up on Tues 23rd June.

David's parish bike tour: It has been so good to see people on my tour. Apologies to those I missed or have not yet made it to. This week I plan to visit as follows: Wed 17th Old Laghey Road, Whitehill, Tullybrooke, Mullins, Cully (lower part), Ardnagesson, Drummeny. Thu 18th. Golard, Moyne, Ballykillone, Cully (upper part), Driminardagh, Copany. I will be out approx. 2pm – 7pm... if you're around I'll ring your bell and you can come to the door and say a socially distanced Hello! In following weeks I hope to complete remaining areas.

Reopening: We are working on procedures to enable us to return to worship in church from Sunday 5th July. There will be restrictions to ensure hygiene, 2m distancing etc. and further details of these will be given in due course. A letter addressing some 'Frequently Asked Questions' can be found on our website and Facebook Page. Anyone with COVID symptoms should not attend, and anyone who is elderly and/or medically vulnerable should consider carefully what is right for them. We look forward to gathering together again.

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