



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

Sun 3rd May - 4th Sunday of Easter

Gospel reading for Today - John 10:1-10

Jesus said, "Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

Collect for Today

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: Raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

Did you know that in County Donegal there are about 160,000 people and almost 500,000 sheep? So when Jesus talks about being a Good Shepherd we can relate to what he is saying: he cares for us, leads us and gives his life for us.

One of the important things in this time of crisis is to be careful who we listen to. There is a lot of fake news and inaccurate information going around and we need to trust good reliable scientific sources.

Above all, we need to be guided by Jesus himself: "the sheep listen to his voice." Make sure you're listening to his voice today.

Online Services (on Facebook Live)

Sun at 11am, Wed at 8pm, Fri at 1pm (prayers)

Announcements

Welcome to this first 'Parish Update' sheet. Please feel free to share it with others. If you would prefer to receive it by email, please get in touch using the contact details below.

Discovery Bible Course: There will be 3 weekly online interactive Discovery Bible Studies beginning this Tues 5th May. (times to be chosen to suit those signing up) Entitled 'Peace, Hope and Strength... Discover what the Bible is saying to us in changing times.' If you are interested contact Sandra Ross 083 3515400.

Food Bank: Drop off food and household products at the Mustard Seed every Tues from 11-1pm for families in need. This is being directed by Life start and Donegal Town Women's Group.

Financial Help: If you are in financial hardship as a result of the Coronavirus crisis, help may be available. Please contact the rector confidentially to discuss. Equally if you need help with anything practical e.g. grocery shopping.

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