

# Parish update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

Sun 10th May - 5th Sunday of Easter

### Gospel reading for Today - John 14:1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going. Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

#### **Online Services (on Facebook Live)** Sun at 11am, Wed at 8pm, Fri at 1pm (prayers)

#### **Collect for Today**

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen

## **Rector's Thoughts**

"Do not let your hearts be troubled," says Jesus to his disciples in John chapter 14.

But it's not easy, is it? There is so much to be troubled about! The present difficulties from Coronavirus have reminded us all that life is short and full of problems.

It would be very hard to get through times like these if we didn't have faith in Jesus Christ. he promises to be with us in this life, and to give us peace in the life to come. Let's keep on trusting him!

#### Announcements

**Discovery Bible Course**: Online interactive Discovery Bible Studies continue on Tuesdays. 'Peace, Hope and Strength... Discover what the Bible is saying to us in changing times.' If 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.

**Children's Service:** Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May would have been our Sunday School end of year service. Instead we are going to have 'Children's Sunday' online. Watch this space... Don't forget the children's colouring competition too!!

An Armchair to Africa: Wednesday worship on 13<sup>th</sup> May will have a Nigerian flavour – be sure to tune in at 8pm!

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