



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

Sun 17th May - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## Gospel reading for Today - John 14:15-21

*Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit*

"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever, the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

## Collect for Today

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: Grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Rector's Thoughts

The Coronavirus lock-down has left many people feeling isolated, particularly those who live alone. We can all help by making a friendly phone call or sending a card or message.

Jesus intends the church to be a community where we care for each other. He sent his Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts so we would never be alone. Let's do all we can to banish loneliness and to welcome the Holy Spirit!

## Online Services (on Facebook Live)

Sundays at 11am,  
Wednesdays at 8pm,  
Fridays at 1pm (prayers)  
Catch up on YouTube afterwards

## 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.' Please 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 is available. Please contact the rector confidentially to discuss. Equally if you need help with anything practical e.g. grocery shopping.

**Children's Colouring competition:** You can find the colouring sheet on our website and Facebook page, or receive it by post if you contact the rector. Winners will be announced in our Family service on 31<sup>st</sup> May.

**Roadmap to reopening:** The government has published a 5-phase plan for reopening society and business. This indicates that church services are unlikely to begin before 26<sup>th</sup> July. However some pastoral visiting (at a distance) could happen sooner, and some of the restrictions on funerals may be eased from around 8<sup>th</sup> June.

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