



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

Sun 24th May - 7th Sunday of Easter

Gospel reading for Today - John 17:1-11

Jesus looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

"I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one."

Collect for Today

O God the King of Glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Rector's Thoughts

One of the great comforts of knowing that Jesus has ascended into heaven is realising that he is praying for us. In John 17 we get an insight into Jesus' prayers for himself, for the apostles, and for all believers (read the whole chapter to see it all). He prays for unity among his followers, something we should also pray for and work for. Lord, may we be united in your truth and in your love. Amen.

Online Services (on Facebook Live)

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

Announcements

Chef Aid: This organisation provides a free hot meal daily to the elderly and those that are cocooning. Contact 087 3752555 between 10am and 1pm for more details.

Food Bank: There is an ongoing need for tinned/dried food for the Food bank being run by Life start and Donegal Town Women's Group. Items can be dropped outside the Mustard Seed every Tues from 11-1pm.

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: Deadline Fri 29th! 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 31st May.

Online Services: If you have internet access but are having trouble seeing the services on our Facebook Page, we plan also to make the Sunday and Wednesday services available live on our website www.donegal.raphoe.anglican.org.

David's parish tour: With lockdown restrictions being eased it will soon be possible for me to do some socially-distanced visiting. I hope to make a kind of 'tour' of the parishes in the first week of June, as soon as I have got my bicycle ready! I won't be coming into houses and I can't accept any cups of tea but I will wave to you from your gate! Details to follow...

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