



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

Sun 31st May - Pentecost

## Bible reading for Today – Acts chapter 2

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?' <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ... <sup>11</sup> we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!

<sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?' <sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.'

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> "In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people...

## Collect for Today

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: By the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Rector's Thoughts

The coming of the Holy Spirit at the day of Pentecost completed Jesus' great acts of redemption and launched the mission of the church. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus' followers set off to change the world by sharing the good news. Our calling today is the same: receive the Holy Spirit and go to all the world with the message of Christ. Even in lock-down there are so many opportunities. Let's look for them!

## Online Services (on Facebook Live)

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

## Announcements

**Food Bank:** Thanks for supporting. 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.

**Online Services:** Sunday and Wednesday services available live on our website [www.donegal.raphoe.anglican.org](http://www.donegal.raphoe.anglican.org) as well as our Facebook Page.

**David's parish bike tour:** All being well, I will start this week! Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Killybegs Road, Edrim, Drimark, Drumstevlin, Ballydevitt. Thu 4<sup>th</sup> Drumrooske, Lough Eske Road, Winterhill, Orbeg, Haugh, Heney's. Starting about 2pm, finishing who knows when!! Other areas in following weeks... come to your door and say a socially distanced Hello!

**Reopening:** We are expecting some guidelines from the central church offices to help us plan for reopening church for Sunday services from 20<sup>th</sup> July (phase 4). There will still be restrictions to reduce the risk of infection – more details to follow as soon as we have them. It's not yet clear when the Mustard Seed will be able to reopen.

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