



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

Sunday 16th August – Trinity 10

Gospel reading for Today – Matthew 15: 21-28

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.” Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.” The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said. He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.” “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.” Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Collect for Today

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector’s Thoughts

One of the treasures of our Anglican worship is the Prayer of Humble Access, beginning, “We do not presume...” This short prayer contains echoes of many Bible verses, including the Gospel reading opposite, where the Canaanite woman asks to gather up the crumbs from under the Master’s table. It is a reminder that we can only approach God with humility and not with pride. It is a very appropriate passage for us as we hold our services of Holy Communion this Sunday for the first time since February.

In-Church Services

9.30 Killymard (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)
Lough Eske (2nd & 4th Sundays)
10.45 Laghey (every Sunday)
12.00 Donegal (every Sunday) + Live streamed.

Online Services (on Facebook Live)

Sundays at 12 noon, Wednesdays at 8pm, Fridays at 1pm

Announcements

Holy Communion: We plan to celebrate Holy Communion on Sunday 16th (in all services) and Sunday 23rd (Lough Eske). In accordance with House of Bishops’ guidelines, communicants will come forward and stand at the rail to receive bread only. Please continue to observe all existing guidelines on physical distancing, hand hygiene and face coverings.

Alpha Course Online: Tuesdays at 8pm starting on 18th August. A great chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share your point of view. Contact David on the email address or phone number below.

The Mustard Seed: Open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10.30am to 2pm. A warm welcome awaits!

Easter Vestry meetings: The AGMs for our 4 parishes will be on the following Wednesday nights at 8pm in the church: Lough Eske 19th Aug, Killymard 26th Aug, Donegal 2nd Sept, Laghey 9th Sept.

Donegal Protestant Orphan Society: Due to the difficulty of holding door-to-door collections this year, we are asking that you place any donations, along with your name, in an envelope marked ‘DPOS’ and leave it in the church collection plate or send it directly to your collector or to the rectory. Many thanks.

Sunday Schools: We are not yet ready to announce a starting date for our Sunday Schools but will keep the situation under review as schools resume in September. Meanwhile children are of course welcome at all of our church services.

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