



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

Sunday 23rd August – Trinity 11

Gospel reading for Today – Matthew 16: 13-20

Peter declares that Jesus is the Messiah

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Collect for Today

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rector's Thoughts

When our Lord Jesus Christ said, "I will build my church..." he wasn't referring to a physical structure made of wood and stone but to the fellowship of believers across the world and through the ages. It is very encouraging to know that Jesus personally oversees the ongoing life of his church and has promised that the forces of hell will not overcome it. Let's remember what a privilege it is to be part of His church!

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)

Sun 12noon, Wed 8pm, Fri 1pm

Announcements

Alpha Course Online: Tuesdays at 8pm on Zoom. It's not too late to join! Contact David on the number below.

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

Easter Vestry meetings: @8pm in church L Eske 19th Aug, Killymard 26th Aug, Donegal 2nd Sept, Laghey 9th Sept.

Face coverings: The Church of Ireland, Methodist, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic churches are now recommending and encouraging worshippers to wear face coverings at all services (apart from the medically exempt and children under 13). This is not yet a legal requirement but it is a good way of protecting one another and helping churches to stay open (we are still allowed to gather with up to 50 people, with strict social distancing and hand hygiene). Thank you.

Donegal Protestant Orphan Society: Due to the difficulty of holding door-to-door collections this year, we are asking that you place any donations you wish to make, 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.

Holy Communion: We plan to celebrate Holy Communion on Sunday 23rd at Lough Eske. In accordance with House of Bishops' guidelines, communicants will come forward and stand at the rail to receive bread only.

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