



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

Sunday 30th August – Trinity 12

Gospel reading for Today – Matthew 16: 21-28

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!” Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.” Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Online Services (on Facebook Live)

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

Collect for Today

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire, or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask save through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

Rector’s Thoughts

Schools are back and some other events are happening, but things are still far from normal. It looks like fighting COVID-19 will be a marathon, not a sprint. Let’s learn from Jesus’ undeflected sense of purpose in this week’s reading. Keep going!

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.

Announcements

Face coverings: The Church of Ireland, Methodist, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic churches are now recommending and encouraging worshippers to wear face masks 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: Our Sunday Schools have not yet restarted but children are of course welcome at all of our church services. We hope from September to have some activity sheets available for younger children to do while in the service – bring your own pens/pencils. We also hope to bring back the Family Service soon, in a COVID-safe format...

The Mustard Seed: Open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10.30am to 2pm. We’d love to see you there!

Easter Vestry meetings: We have already had 2 vestry AGMs for our 4 parishes. The following 2 will be: Donegal Wed 2nd Sep and Laghey Wed 9th Sept. Both at 8pm in the church not the hall.

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