



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

Sunday 13th Sept 2020 – Trinity 14

## Gospel reading for Today – Matthew 18: 21-35

### The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ The servant’s master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go. But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded. His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’ But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

## Collect for Today

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: Give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Rector’s Thoughts

*Forgiveness is one of the most central ideas in Christianity. Jesus’ parable in Matthew 18 shows how those who have been forgiven by God should show forgiveness to others. The message is summed up by St Paul in Colossians 3:13 – “Forgive as the Lord forgave you” – and by Jesus in Matthew 6:14 – “if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.” Let’s seek God’s help to forgive others as we should.*

## In-Church Services

- 9.30 Killymard (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)  
Lough Eske (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**Face coverings:** A reminder that you are encouraged to wear face masks at all church services (unless medically exempt or under 13) as a way of loving your neighbour. Thank you.

**Donegal Protestant Orphan Society:** Any donations you wish to make can be placed, along with your name, in an envelope marked ‘DPOS’ and left in the church collection plate or sent directly to your collector or to the rectory.

**Sunday Schools:** Sunday Schools have not restarted but children are welcome at all of our church services. We will have some activity sheets available for younger children to do while in the service – bring your own pens/pencils.

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

**Laghey Parish Church:** would like to thank Donegal County Council for their recent grant approval of €2,500.

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