



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

Sunday 20th Sept – Trinity 15

Gospel reading for Today – Matthew 20: 1-16

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ ‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’ The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Collect for Today

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: Grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel; that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector’s Thoughts

Jesus’ strange parable about the vineyard workers who receive equal pay for unequal work is not intended as a guide to good employment practices! Rather, it is an illustration of God’s generosity: he is willing to welcome people into his kingdom even if they come pretty late in the day. Thank God for his uncalculating generosity!

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

Face coverings: You are encouraged to wear face masks at all church services (unless medically exempt or under 13).

Donegal Protestant Orphan Society: Donations 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/ the rectory BEFORE THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

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!

Harvest: This year we will have our harvest celebrations on Sunday mornings only: L Eske 27 Sep, Donegal 4 Oct, Laghey 11 Oct, Killymard 18 Oct. We look forward to bringing the Monday/Friday night services back in 2021!

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