



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
Remembrance Sunday 8th Nov, 3 before Advent

Reading for Today – Matthew 5: 1-12

¹ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. He said:

³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of
righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and
falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice
and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the
same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Collect for Today

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all: Govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

Remembrance Sunday is the Sunday closest to 11th November, the date when hostilities ceased in the First World War in 1918. We pause to remember the ordinary people from our own parishes who died in that war and in other conflicts. We also take time to pray for peace (the Collect above is a very good prayer to use in this context). Soon we will be entering the season of Advent, when we remember the coming of the Prince of Peace and prepare for his return. In our troubled world we cry out, "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Revelation 22:20)

In-Church Services are suspended due to COVID-19 Level 5.

Please join us online (Facebook Live) if you can:

Sundays at 11am, Wednesdays at 8pm & Fridays at 1pm

and you can use the weekly reading and prayer on this Update.

Announcements

Church Prayer Meeting: On Zoom Sundays at 9:30am (before 11am Facebook service). Contact David Huss to join.

Service of Thanksgiving for loved ones: This will be held online on Sunday 15th November at 7pm. A chance to remember those who have passed away and to pray for those who are bereaved. Names to be remembered can be sent to the Rector by email, phone or post by Thursday 12th November at the latest.

Derry and Raphoe Alpha Course: An online course via Zoom started last Thu 5th Nov. It's not too late if you wish to sign please contact David Huss (details below) or emailing alpha@derryandraphoe.org.

COVID Level 5: We don't expect to return to gathered services before Sunday 6th December at the earliest.

Harvest Collections: Collection for Beirut – please return envelopes ASAP. Collection for Donegal Town Food Bank – please drop at the Mustard Seed on Friday mornings 0900 – 1300. Thanks!

Kingdom Kids: The weekly video should appear on our Facebook & YouTube each Friday. Please watch & share!

Coffee Time & Hope Groups: Social get-together Tue and Fri mornings 1100–1130am, and Hope Groups (encouraging stories of hope from the life of Jesus) Tue and Fri 2.00–3.00pm. On Zoom. Contact Sandra (number below) to take part.

Wednesday Fellowship Group: Meeting via Zoom for conversation, Bible study and prayer on Wednesday mornings at 10am. Contact Bev Huss at the Rectory 074 9721075 for more info.

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