



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey  
Sunday 15th Nov – 2 before Advent

## Reading for Today – Matthew 25:14-30

### The Parable of the Bags of Gold

Jesus said, "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.' His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.' His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

## Collect for Today

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

## Rector's Thoughts

*A great deal of uncertainty surrounds Christmas 2020, with no clear indication of what gatherings will be allowed. We will certainly hold online services and these may turn out to be our main worship opportunity. Hopefully we will also have the joy of sharing bread and wine in Christmas Communion services in our church buildings. Whatever happens, it's still true that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Tim 1:15) – great news!! Love, David.*

## Online Services (on Facebook Live)

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

## Announcements

**Service of Thanksgiving for loved ones:** This will be held on Facebook Live this Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.

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

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

**Coffee Time, Hope Groups & Fellowship Group:** On Zoom. Social time Tue and Fri 11.00–11.30am (contact Sandra on number below). Hope Groups with stories of hope from the life of Jesus Tue and Fri 2.00–3.00pm (contact Sandra). Wednesday morning fellowship at 10am for conversation, Bible study and prayer (contact Bev Huss 074 9721075).

**COVID Level 5:** We hope we can return to gathered services in December and that we can have Holy Communion at Christmas time. There will also be online Christmas services – details to follow as soon as we know what's happening!

**Giving by Standing Order:** Your New Year's resolution for 2021! A Standing Order is easy to set up and lets you give your weekly or monthly donation to the parish automatically. Contact Louise or your parish treasurer to get a form.

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