



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
Sunday 22nd Nov – the Sunday before Advent

Reading for Today – Matthew 25:31-46

The sheep and the goats

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

‘Then the King will say to those on his right, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

‘Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison and go to visit you?”

‘The King will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

‘Then he will say to those on his left, “Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was ill and in prison and you did not look after me.”

‘They also will answer, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or ill or in prison, and did not help you?”

‘He will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.”

‘Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.’

Collect for Today

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Rector’s Thoughts

As we prepare to enter the season of Advent, our Bible readings focus on the return of Christ and the Final Judgment. Jesus reminds us that our eternal destiny rests on the choices we make in this life. It really matters how we respond to Him and how we treat others. The passage opposite, from Matthew 25, prompts each of us to serious self-examination. Let’s be sure we’ve received Jesus as our Saviour before we meet him as our Judge. With love, David.

Online Services (on Facebook Live)

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

Announcements

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. Let’s all strictly follow the Level 5 guidelines now so as to have the best chance of exiting from the restrictions soon! We will also have online Christmas services, including involvement from our Sunday School children.

Giving by Standing Order: Your New Year’s resolution for 2021 is to set up a Standing Order to give your weekly or monthly donation to the parish automatically. It’s easy to set up; you simply give your bank the parish’s account number and tell them how much you want to give and how often. Contact Louise or your parish treasurer for full details.

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