



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

## Bible Readings for Today

### 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. <sup>5</sup> For in him you have been enriched in every way – with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge – <sup>6</sup> God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. <sup>7</sup> Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. <sup>8</sup> He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Mark 13:32-37

<sup>32</sup> 'But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. <sup>34</sup> It's like a man going away: he leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. <sup>35</sup> 'Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back – whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or at dawn. <sup>36</sup> If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. <sup>37</sup> What I say to you, I say to everyone: "Watch!"

## Collect for Today

Almighty God, Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Rector's Thoughts

*This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent, the period of about four weeks leading up to Christmas Day. Sometimes in our eagerness to get to the festivities we forget the value of this preparatory season. Advent is a time of waiting, preparing and hoping: waiting to celebrate the birth of Jesus as Saviour, preparing to meet him on his return as Judge, and hoping for the coming of his kingdom to dispel the darkness with his glorious light. So, before you have a Happy Christmas, have a Holy Advent! 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 can we can have Holy Communion at Christmas time. Numbers will probably still be limited and we will need to account for this in our planning. There will be online worship as well as in-person services. By this time next week things should be clearer – meanwhile keep praying!

**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.

**Food & Gift Appeal:** We are currently asking people if they could donate non perishable foods, small gifts and new toys/books to help local struggling families this Christmas. Drop off point at the Mustard Seed Mon 2-4pm and Fri 10am-3pm. For more info contact Louise on 087 9781519.

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