



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
Sunday 6th Dec – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Bible Reading for Today – Mark 1:1-8

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

‘I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way –
a voice of one calling in the wilderness,
“Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for
him.”’

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Collect for Today

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: Give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector’s Thoughts

We’re thankful for the Taoiseach’s announcement last Friday of a return to COVID Level 3, with a concession allowing churches to re-open for worship. It will be good to meet together and I hope you can join us. As I said in the summer, it won’t be right for everyone to come at this time, so please don’t feel guilty if you decide the best thing for you right now is to stay at home and join us online. You can read and pray over the Bible passage opposite, which reminds us why the coming of Jesus is good news and how to prepare for it by repentance and faith.

With love, David.

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)

Sun 12 noon, Wed 8pm, Fri 1pm

Announcements

Public Health Info: We are delighted to be able to return to gathered services this week. Please carefully follow all public health guidelines, especially 2m distancing, hand hygiene and face coverings. Everyone aged 13+ should wear a mask.

Wednesday Fellowship: On Zoom at 10am for conversation, Bible study and prayer. Contact Bev Huss 074 9721075.

Advent & Christmas: Morning Prayer 6th, 13th & 20th Dec. Holy Communion on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Extra services this year to make more room as we are limited to 50 per service. Full details will be published next week. Online services will continue and these will be our ‘plan B’ if in-church services cannot be held for any reason.

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, 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.

The Mustard Seed : Open Tuesdays and Fridays 10.30am to 2pm. Re opening this Fri 4th Dec.

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