



# Parish Update

## Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas

#### Bible Reading for Today – Colossians 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup> I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. <sup>2</sup> My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, <sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup> I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. <sup>5</sup> For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.

**<sup>6</sup> So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.**

<sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

<sup>9</sup> For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, <sup>10</sup> and in Christ you have been brought to fullness.

#### Collect for Today

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: Help us to walk in this light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

#### Rector's Thoughts

*We have a tradition in the Donegal Group of Parishes of starting each new year with a verse from the Bible which serves as a motto for the 12 months ahead. This year I am choosing Colossians 2:6-7, the verses highlighted in the reading opposite. Here, St Paul encourages us not only to receive Christ but also to continue in Christ: growing deeper and stronger in faith. This is a challenge for us to take things to the next level in 2021. Despite all the difficulties, we can grow stronger as Christians and as churches in this New Year if we maintain our discipline and increase our thankfulness.*

*"Forward, always forward, everywhere forward! We must not be held back by debts, bad years or by difficulties of the times. Man's adversity is God's opportunity." – Boniface Wimmer*

*Happy New Year! David*

#### Online Services (on Facebook Live)

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

Please ask if you would like help with getting online.

#### Announcements

**Public Health Info:** Unfortunately we are unable to have gathered services at the moment due to Government Regulations. You can join us online every Sunday at 11am and we will soon re-start our midweek online meetings.

**The Mustard Seed:** Is closed due to Level 5 restrictions. There are free calendars and booklets outside the door of the Mustard Seed if you wish to collect one for yourself or a friend.

**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.

**Happy New Year!** To all our Parishioners and friends in Donegal and around the world.

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