



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
17th Jan 2021 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

Bible Reading for Today – Mark 1 : 14-20

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!'

As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' At once they left their nets and followed him.

When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Collect for Today

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Rector's Thoughts

Jesus' main message is very simple: "Repent and believe the good news."

Repentance means turning around – from going our own way to going God's way.

Belief means trusting God and his life-changing message (called the gospel or the good news) that Jesus died and rose for us.

As well as following all the COVID-19 regulations from government, let's also follow the key instructions from our Master: repent and believe the good news!

With love & prayers, David

Online Services (on Facebook Live)

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

Announcements

New Phone Service: This week we are launching a new telephone service which will be of especial interest to anyone who is not able to access our online services. Just dial **074 9710199** from your ordinary phone and you will hear a specially-recorded Morning Prayer service (approx. 10-12 mins) which will be updated each week. Hope it works – let us know!

Envelopes: Please ensure that envelopes (weekly giving, Christmas, Harvest, Sustentation etc.) and any other monies for 2020 are returned to the relevant Treasurer before the end of January for inclusion in the annual report. Please also speak to your Treasurer or to Louise about setting up a Standing Order for 2021 to facilitate your giving. Many thanks!

Hope Groups: During difficult times how can we find Hope & Help? Online groups Tues and Fri 2-3pm (for anyone) and Thurs 8-9pm (for men only). Each day we will look at different people in the Bible who find themselves in difficult situations. Although we may not be experiencing exactly the same difficulties let's discover together how each of them found help and hope. Contact Sandra or Brian on 083 3515400 for further information and log in details.

Early Birds: Saturday Morning Discipleship with the Mustard Seed. 10-11am online via Zoom. 'Together, Growing & Experiencing God' All welcome! Contact Sandra or Brian (083 3515400) for enquires and log in details.

Wednesday Fellowship Group: On Zoom on Wednesdays at 10.00am. Talk to Bev 074 9721075 for info and to join in.

The Mustard Seed: We are continuing our Food and Toiletries Appeal, these can be dropped off on Fridays, 10am - 1pm.

Kingdom Kids: The long-awaited return of our children's video series. Each new weekly episode should appear on YouTube and Facebook. It's aimed at kids in National School, but people of all ages might enjoy taking a look!

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