



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
31st Jan 2021 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Bible Reading for Today – Mark 1 : 29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." So he travelled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

Collect for Today

Creator God, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: We pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

"That is why I have come."

One of the wonderful things about Jesus is the way he is so at home in different situations. Whether he's surrounded by a crowd, on his own in the mountains, or at the table with a few friends, he is equally calm and purposeful. This passage gives a major clue to the source of that inner strength – his regular practice of solitary time with God. Much to ponder...!

Blessings, David

Online Services (on Facebook Live)

Sundays 11am, Wednesdays 8pm, Fridays 1pm

Announcements

Phone Service: Dial [074 9710199](tel:0749710199) from any phone to hear a recorded Morning Prayer service (approx. 10-12 mins).

Envelopes: Sunday 31st Jan is the deadline for returning 2020 envelopes and monies to your parish Treasurer please.

Online Groups during the week: We have [Hope Groups](#) (Finding Hope & Help in difficult times) Tues and Fri 2-3pm (anyone) and Thurs 8-9pm (men only). [Early Birds](#) Saturday Morning Discipleship with the Mustard Seed 10-11am online via Zoom. 'Together, Growing & Experiencing God.' 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: Our children's video series continues. Each new weekly episode should appear on YouTube and Facebook.

Confirmation: We hope to hold a confirmation service/services around 13th June 2021. This is only a provisional date and may be subject to change due to Covid-19. Confirmation is for 6th class and above and online lessons will begin after the February mid-term break. Adult confirmation is also possible (separate lessons...!) Speak to the Rector for more info.

Children, Young People and Anxiety: An evening for parents and leaders to learn the causes, effects and impacts of anxiety and some skills and coping tools to help young people. Thu 4th Feb 7:30pm. Contact kirsty@derryandraphoe.org.

Lent: Begins on Ash Wednesday 17th Feb. News soon of a special service that night and plans for the 40 days of Lent...

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