



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey  
7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

## Bible Reading for Today – Mark 1 : 40-45

### Jesus Heals a Man With Leprosy

A man with leprosy came to Jesus and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean."

Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: "See that you don't tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them." Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

## Collect for Today

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and forever. Amen

## Rector's Thoughts

*Face masks, hand sanitising and social distancing are still fairly new to us, but they would have made perfect sense to the man Jesus met in our reading from Mark 1. He had leprosy, an infectious disease which left him cut off from the rest of society. Thankfully, when Jesus touched him, instead of the infection spreading to Jesus, the opposite happened – healing flowed from the Lord to the leper. A wonderful reminder of his power to transform lives and bring new hope today.*

### Online Services (on Facebook Live)

Sundays 11am,  
Wednesdays 8pm,  
Fridays 1pm

### Phone Service (074 97 10199)

Ring from any phone at any time for our recorded service.

## Announcements

**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 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021. This is only a provisional date and may be subject to change due to Covid-19. Confirmation is for 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Lent:** Begins on Ash Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. There will be an online service at 8pm that night as we begin the 40 days of Lent leading up to Easter. Two things I'd like us to do during that period (apart from joining a Zoom group as above):

- Commit to praying every day for the Pandemic to end and for the Gospel to spread.
- Join Derry and Raphoe's 'Let's journey to the cross' project – walking the 3,500 miles from here to Jerusalem by adding up walks within our 5kms. Watch the video at <https://youtu.be/6Wy9gHNLb68> for more.

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