



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
21st Feb 2021 – First Sunday in Lent

Bible Reading for Today – Mark 1 : 9-15

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

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!"

Collect for Today

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: Give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Rector's Thoughts

We've already made a few visits to Mark chapter 1. In early January we considered Jesus' baptism and later we looked at his preaching of repentance and faith. This week, at the beginning of Lent, our focus is on the 40 days he spent in the wilderness being tempted (or tested) by Satan. This was the first great battle in our Lord's war against evil, and he emerged victorious. It is wonderful to know that Jesus Christ has beaten the devil and that his final victory is guaranteed. Meanwhile there are lots of battles to be fought against evil, in our world and in our own lives. Fight on!

Online Services (on Facebook Live)

Sunday 11am, Wednesday 8pm, Friday 1pm

Phone Service (074 97 10199)

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

Announcements

Lent: Please continue to pray every day for the Pandemic to end and for in-person church & groups to re-start. If you would like a copy of the 'Hope in the Pandemic' book there are some extra copies in the book outside the Mustard Seed, as well as Lent boxes if you would like to set aside any money towards Open Doors (helping persecuted Christians).

Online Groups during the week: Our online groups (via Zoom) are filling up but it's not too late to join. Hope Groups Tues and Fri 2-3pm (anyone) and Thurs 8-9pm (men only). Early Birds Saturday 10-11am (anyone); contact Sandra or Brian 083 3515400. Fellowship Group (anyone) Wednesdays at 10.00am; contact Bev 074 9721075.

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

Sunday Prayers: We have a Zoom Prayer meeting on Sundays at 9.30am. Meeting ID: 879 8855 4044 Passcode: 100818.

Parish Finance: Please remember you can pass any contributions on to your Treasurer. We can also advise you if you want to give electronically. And please remember we have information on grants for people in financial need.

Practical and spiritual support: A reminder that you are always welcome to contact David or Sandra for pastoral care, spiritual guidance or prayer support. Or if you just want to chat! Contact details below...

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