



Clocks go forward this weekend!

Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
28th March 2021 – Palm Sunday

Bible Reading for Today – Mark 11 :1-11

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

"Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Collect for Today

Almighty and everlasting God, who, in your tender love towards the human race, sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: Grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

Palm Sunday (this year on 28th March) marks the start of Holy Week, when we remember the final days of Jesus' earthly life, culminating with the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday and the crucifixion on Good Friday. We look forward to the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, but we do not reach the joy of the empty tomb until we pass through the darkness of the cross. The death of Jesus is at the very centre of Christianity because it was here that the sin of the world was paid for by the perfect sacrifice of Christ. We will never fully understand the mystery of the cross, but we give thanks for God's immeasurable love seen there. "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Galatians 6:14

Phone Service (074 97 10199)

From any phone at any time.

Online Services (on Facebook Live)

Sun 11am, Wed 8pm, Fri 1pm

Announcements

Easter video: Sunday is last chance to send your short video clip of you saying, "The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!" for use in our Easter Day worship. Email or WhatsApp it to me (contact details below). Thanks!!

Holy Week Services: Our joint services with Donegal Methodist & Presbyterian Churches will go online on Holy Wednesday (31st March) at 7pm, Maundy Thursday (1st April) at 7pm and Good Friday (2nd April) at 11am.

Easter: Our main Easter Service will be live on Facebook at 11.00am on Easter Sunday 4th April. Sunrise service @6:30am.

Online groups during the week: Hope Groups Tue 12-1pm & Fri 2-3pm (anyone), Thu 8-9pm (men only). Early Birds Sat 10-11am (anyone); contact Sandra/Brian 083 3515400. Fellowship Group (anyone) Wed 10am; contact Bev 074 9721075.

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

Easter Vestry meetings: This year we will hold our annual meetings online. Do not go to the church/hall! Instead you can join on any ordinary phone, or on your computer/tablet/smartphone if you have one. Full details & instructions to come after Easter. Dates of meetings (all at 8pm): L Eske Tue 20th, Killymard Thu 22nd, Donegal Tue 27th, Laghey Thu 29th April.

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