



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
4th April 2021 – Easter Sunday

Bible Reading for Today – Mark 16 : 1-8

Jesus Has Risen

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'

Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Collect for Today

Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ you have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Rector's Thoughts

A very Happy Easter to all in our Parish family! It's hard to think that this is our second lockdown year and we will certainly be hoping that the year 2022 will see us gathering in person to mark the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. But let's not focus on what we can't do – instead let's be really thankful that Jesus is alive, and because of him we have a hope and a future. The tomb is empty, and the Lord is going ahead of us, like the angel said!

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Announcements

Easter: Our Sunrise Service is live online at 6:30am on Easter Sunday 4th April and our main Easter Service is at 11.00am. David will be taking a few days off Monday 5th – Saturday 10th so there will be no Wednesday or Friday services this week.

COVID-19 restrictions: The Taoiseach said on 30th March: "towards the end of April, we will examine the situation and in the month of May we will look at a phased reopening of non-essential retail... religious services, museums, galleries and libraries." So there is hope, although it will depend on the progress of vaccination and the level of infections. Keep praying!

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.

Online groups mid week: Hope Groups Tue 12-1pm & 2-3pm, Fri 2-3pm (anyone), Thu 8-9pm (men). 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. A huge thank you to everyone who has given. Lent boxes can also now be returned to the Mustard Seed or the Rectory.

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