



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

18th April 2021 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Bible Reading for Today – Luke 24 :36-49

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence. He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Collect for Today

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: Give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

I hope you are having a happy Easter. It's a nice time of year, with longer days and the appearance of leaves on the trees and lambs in the fields. Hopefully some good weather will come our way, as well as more progress in the battle against COVID-19. I hear from an increasing number of people who have received their vaccine and this also brings us hope for a return to more normality.

The Bible passage from Luke 24 tells us that there is a hope greater than anything this world offers – the hope which flows from the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is alive, and that changes everything for those who believe. As the hymn says: "Because he lives, I can face tomorrow..."

Blessings, from David

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Online Services

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Sun 11am, Wed 8pm, Fri 1pm

Announcements

Easter Vestry meetings: This year we will hold our annual meetings online using Zoom. Do not go to the church/hall! Dates of meetings (all at 8pm): L Eske Tue 20th, Killymard Thu 22nd, Donegal Tue 27th, Laghey Thu 29th April. To join from smartphone/tablet/computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84566087444?pwd=T2l5dTFJenVTQi9uY2Y2NCJlSVVN1UT09>. For further instructions, including how to join from an ordinary phone, see the 2nd page with this week's Parish Update.

COVID-19 restrictions: There is a *possibility* that churches might re-open from 9th May but this awaits confirmation from the Government, presumably depending on NPHET advice. Let's keep praying...!

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 be returned to the Mustard Seed or the Rectory.

Thank you: To everyone who has continued to support the parishes financially during the pandemic. Remember that you can give by Standing Order or by returning monies to the relevant Treasurer. More info from David or Louise.

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