



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
23rd May 2021 – Pentecost

Bible Reading for Today – Acts 2:1-4, 14-18, 21

The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them...

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy...

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Collect for Today

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: By the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

"We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life..." So says the Nicene Creed, and on this Pentecost/Whitsunday we celebrate the life-giving work of the Spirit. He came upon the early Christians – young and old, male and female – to send them out with power to share the gospel. Our world needs the good news of God's love more than ever. Come, Holy Spirit, and set us on fire with love for Jesus.

Happy Pentecost everyone!

In-Church Services

9.30 Killymard (1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday) / Lough Eske (2nd & 4th Sunday)
10.45 Laghey (every Sunday)
12.00 Donegal (every Sunday) – also livestreamed

Online Services (on Facebook Live)

Sunday 12noon, Wed 8pm, Fri 1pm

Phone Service (074 97 10199)

Call from any phone at any time.

Announcements

Holy Communion Sunday 23rd May: We plan to celebrate Holy Communion this Sunday: Lough Eske 9.30am, Laghey 10.45am, Donegal 12.00noon. Covid-19 measures will be in place – face masks for those aged 13+ and use hand sanitiser (bring your own if preferred). Limit of 50 people at any service (remember there tends to be space at the 9.30am service).

Service changes: Please note we plan to have Holy Communion on Sunday 23rd May (LE, L & D) and 30th May (K only) but not on 6th or 13th June. Also note a swap: the 9.30am service on 6th June will be in L Eske and on 13th June in Killymard.

Couple of ideas: Many of us really miss being able to sing together in worship! We are looking at having some small outdoor events where we could do this safely, probably with 15 people at a time. Watch for more info about this... We are also thinking of having a special service in June aimed at families with school-age children. Details to follow...

Alpha in the autumn: We're hoping to hold an Alpha Course around Sept-Nov 2021. Please think and pray about who you could invite. Everyone will be very welcome – it's a great way to discover more about God.

Mustard Seed: Preparing for outdoor opening once restrictions allow...! On Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30-2pm starting 9th June.

Online groups mid week: Hope Groups Tue 2-3pm & Wed 1130-1230. Early Birds Sat 10-11am; contact Sandra/Brian 083 3515400. Fellowship Group Wed 10am; contact Bev 074 9721075. These groups meet online using Zoom. All welcome.

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