



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

30th May 2021 – Trinity Sunday

Bible Reading for Today – John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Collect for Today

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; for you live and reign, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Rector's Thoughts

Not much room for thoughts this week! I simply encourage you to reflect on Jesus' wonderful words in the passage opposite where he describes the new birth which God brings about in everyone who believes in Jesus. This inward transformation by the Holy Spirit, which may be sudden or gradual, comes through faith in God who loved us so much he gave us his Son.

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) + online

Online Services (on Facebook Live) Sunday 12noon, Wed 8pm, Fri 1pm.

Phone Service (074 97 10199) Call from any phone at any time.

Announcements

Next few Sundays: This Sunday 30th May we have Holy Communion at 9.30am in Killymard and Morning Prayer at 10.45 in Laghey & 12.00 in Donegal. All services in June will be Morning Prayer. There is one swap: the 9.30am service on 6th June will be in L Eske and on 13th June in Killymard. At all services please wear face masks if aged 13+ and use hand sanitiser (bring your own if preferred). Limit of 50 people at each service. Looking forward to seeing you!

Open-air worship: We are planning some outdoors, socially distanced services where we can sing together. Tues 1st June at 8pm and Thurs 3rd June at 5pm in the Rectory garden. Bring umbrella, jumper, sunglasses, midge cream etc.! Maximum of 15 people – ring or text David on 087 2882484 to book a place. If overbooked we'll do more the following week.

Alpha in the autumn: Please think and pray about who you could invite to next Alpha Course around Sept-Nov 2021.

Mustard Seed: Preparing for outdoor opening once restrictions allow...! On Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30-2pm starting 9th June. New outdoor prayer time on Thursdays at 12.30pm starting 10th June @ Mustard Seed.

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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