



# Parish Update

## Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

### 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Trinity 1

#### Bible Reading for Today – 2 Corinthians 4:13-18

It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

#### Collect for Today

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Rector's Thoughts

*This week's passage comes from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians and gives the tremendously encouraging reminder that, for Christians, the best is yet to come! Although this world is full of struggles, there is another world which is better by far. There we will experience 'an eternal weight of glory' which puts all of this life's sufferings in perspective. The basis for this hope is the resurrection of Jesus. I pray you will be able to fix your eyes on these unseen heavenly treasures this week.*

*With love, David.*

#### In-Church Services

9.30 Killymard (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday) / Lough Eske (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)\*  
10.45 Laghey (every Sunday)  
12.00 Donegal (every Sunday) + online \*swap in June see below

**Online Services (on Facebook)** Sun 12pm, Wed 8pm, Fri 1pm.  
**Phone Service (074 97 10199)** from any phone at any time.

#### Announcements

**Sunday services:** We'd love to welcome you back to church especially if you've not yet made it back since reopening. Our services in June will be family-friendly services of approx. 30-35 mins with Covid safety measures in place. Please wear face masks if aged 13+. \*NB a swap: the 9.30am service on 6<sup>th</sup> June will be in L Eske and on 13<sup>th</sup> June in Killymard.

**Mustard Seed reopening!** This Wed 9<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am for outdoor dining only, also Thu & Fri 10.30-2pm. Come and experience our new outdoor dining areas with river views! New prayer time on Thursdays at 12.30pm @ Mustard Seed.

**Open-air worship:** We had a great time at our first outdoor, socially distanced service where we could sing together. Next one is on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm in the Rectory garden. Please ring or text David on 087 2882484 to book a place.

**Surf camp:** At Rossnowlagh in July. Run by Surf Project (Methodist) with fun Bible input. Book at [thesurfproject.org](https://thesurfproject.org)

**Lough Eske:** We're excited that the work on the church avenue has begun. Will be a big improvement when complete.

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

**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.

**Giving:** The 4 parishes had/have Gift Sundays at various times over the Spring/Summer. Thanks for your support!

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