

Parish Update Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey 13th June 2021 – 2nd Sunday after Trinity

Bible Reading for Today – 2 Corinthians 5: 6-15

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

Collect for Today

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

Some words from this week's passage:

- We live by faith, not by sight.
- We make it our goal to please Him.
- We try to persuade others.

Maybe we could all pick one of these to focus on this week, praying that the Lord will guide and help us to fulfil these commands he has kindly given.

Blessings, David

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 *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+. *<u>NB</u> a swap: the 9.30am service on 13th June will be in Killymard.

Mustard Seed has reopened! Every Wed, Thurs & Fri for outdoor dining only, 10.30-2pm. Come and experience our new outdoor dining areas with river views! New <u>prayer time</u> on Thursdays at 12.30pm @ Mustard Seed.

Open-air worship: With <u>singing</u>! On Tuesday nights at 8pm in the Rectory garden. There is now increased capacity but please ring or text David on 087 2882484 to let us know you are coming and to help us plan. All are welcome.

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

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: <u>Hope Groups</u> Tue 2-3pm & Wed 1130-1230. <u>Early Birds</u> Sat 10-11am; contact Sandra/Brian 083 3515400. <u>Fellowship Group</u> 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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