



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey  
4<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

## Bible Reading for Today – 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know – God knows. And I know that this man – whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows – was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

## Collect for Today

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: Hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Rector's Thoughts

*"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."*

*Paul's refusal to boast, except in his weakness, is deeply challenging to our modern mindset. We love power, but we forget that it comes through humble dependence on God: "When I am weak, then I am strong." Perhaps that's one of the lessons we should be learning from Covid-19. Lord, give us ears to hear! David*

**Online Services (on Facebook)** Sun 12pm, Wed 8pm, Fri 1pm.

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

## 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

## Announcements

**Holy Communion:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July at Donegal, Killymard & Laghey ; 11<sup>th</sup> July at Lough Eske.

**Real Life Stories:** Saturdays in July 1100-1230 at the Mustard Seed. Hear how others have coped through hardship, brokenness or pain & how God intervened. Encouragement and inspiration on a summer Saturday!

**The Mustard Seed:** New Row, Donegal Town. Open (outdoors, undercover) Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30-2pm. Why not join other members of your parish on one of the next few Wednesdays 1030-1130: 7<sup>th</sup> July Laghey, 14<sup>th</sup> July Donegal. (NB everyone is welcome at any time!) We also have a Prayer time on Thursdays at 12.30pm, under the blue canopy.

**New Wine Ireland:** Enjoy live-streamed worship, guest speakers and an opportunity to be prayed with for any concerns. 8-11<sup>th</sup> July at Glebe National School hall. Doors open 6.30pm. Bring a facemask, and a cushion to make yourself at home!

**Open-air worship:** A great time was had last Tues! No outdoor service on 6<sup>th</sup> July; details of future events to follow.

**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.

**Donegal Protestant Orphan Society:** Again this year donations can be placed, along with your name, in an envelope marked 'DPOS' and left in the church collection plate or sent directly to your collector/ the Rectory.

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