



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
11th July 2021 – 6th Sunday after Trinity

Bible Reading for Today – Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him." Others said, "He is Elijah." And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago." But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!" For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him.

Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you." And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" "The head of John the Baptist," she answered. At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Collect for Today

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

The beheading of John the Baptist isn't a cheerful story, but it does remind us of the need to speak truth to power, and the fact that we won't necessarily be thanked for doing so. Of course John's main goal in life was to point people to Jesus – and that should be our aim too.

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 Wed 8pm, Fri 1pm, Sun 12

Phone Service – 074 9710199 anytime

Announcements

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

Services: Holy Communion on Sunday 11th July at Lough Eske. Wednesday and Friday online services will take a break after 9th July; back in August. Outdoor services also taking a break; look out for announcements soon...

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: 14th July Donegal. (NB everyone is welcome at any time!) We also have a Prayer time on Thursdays at 12.30pm, under the blue canopy.

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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