



# Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey  
18<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

## Bible Reading for Today – Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered round Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'

So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognised them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things...

When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognised Jesus. They ran throughout that whole region and carried those who were ill on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went – into villages, towns or countryside – they placed those who were ill in the market-places. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

## Collect for Today

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Rector's Thoughts

*For the next couple of weeks, the Huss family are going to follow the Lord's invitation to "come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." It's encouraging to think that Jesus cared for his disciples enough to give them time for recovery and refreshment. Often in our hectic 21<sup>st</sup>-Century lives we are not very good at switching off, but we all need to make space and time to simply rest and re-charge our batteries.*

*We will be back, all being well, on 1<sup>st</sup> August. The contact for pastoral emergencies in the meantime is Canon Brian Russell 074 9734025.*

*With love & prayers, 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

## Online Services

Wed 8pm Fri 1pm Sun 12

## Phone Service

074 9710199 anytime

## Announcements

**Summer break:** Our Wednesday & Friday online services are taking a 3 week break, as are our open-air worship, telephone service and Parish Update. God willing, these will all return in August. Sunday services will continue, as will the Mustard Seed activities (see below). Our next Holy Communion is planned for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August.

**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:** Open (outdoors) Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30-2pm. Prayer time Thu 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.

**Gift Sundays:** Each of the four parishes holds a Gift Day once a year and parishioners should have/receive an envelope for this. Your financial giving to the parish is greatly appreciated! Contact your treasurer for more info. Thanks.

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