

Parish Update Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey 8th Aug 2021 – 10th Sunday after Trinity

Bible Reading for Today – John 6: 35, 41-51

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?" "Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

🙏 Prayer Points 🙏

Some ideas to guide your prayers alongside the Bible reading & Collect:

🙀 Give thanks for...

Jesus the Bread of Life; progress in the pandemic; God's word; church life.

🙏 Pray for...

People to be drawn to Jesus; the bereaved; the hungry; wise leadership.

Collect for Today

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

It's good to be back! Many thanks to all who helped out while we were away. Parish Update re-starts with a new feature, <u>Prayer Points</u> (see across). I hope this will help us to join together in praise and prayer in a more focused way. As always, comments are welcome! Love & 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

Online Services Wed 8pm, Fri 1pm, Sun12

Phone Service – 074 9710199 anytime

Announcements

Services: Holy Communion Sun 8th Aug (LE, L & D) and 15th Aug (K). Open-air service at the Rectory Tue 10th Aug <u>7.30pm</u>.

The Mustard Seed: New Row, Donegal Town. Open for tea, coffee, and tasty treats (outdoors, undercover) Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30-2pm. We also have a <u>Prayer time</u> 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. Many thanks!

Back to School Appeal: The Mustard Seed is appealing for back to school items for families in need. (Lunchboxes, bottled water, pencil cases, stationery, copy books, schoolbags etc). These can be dropped off during our opening hours.

Real Life Stories: Saturdays 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!

Covid-19 Guidelines: We are keeping a careful eye on the latest guidance, particularly as it relates to Confirmation and to singing in church. Hoping for positive news on these soon... Meanwhile we are glad that baptisms can happen again.

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