



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
15th Aug 2021 – 11th Sunday after Trinity

Bible Reading for Today – Ephesians 5:15-20

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Collect for Today

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer Points

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

Give thanks for...

Every good thing we have – it all comes from God the Father.
The Holy Spirit, the giver of life.
Opportunities to serve the Lord.

Pray for...

The Holy Spirit to fill us afresh.
Permission to sing again in our church worship services.
Understanding of the Lord's will for us as individuals and as a church.
All who are ill in body, mind or spirit + all who are bereaved.
Young people, especially our Confirmation candidates and all who are moving school/college.

Rector's Thoughts

A shorter Bible reading this week, with the key command, "be filled with the Spirit." How wonderful to have God himself living in us, bringing us fullness of life and helping us to know his will and live his way. Let's pray, in the words of the hymn, "Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me."

*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, Sun 12noon

Phone Service – 074 9710199 (ring anytime)

Announcements

Services: Holy Communion Sun 15th Aug (K). **No** Open-air service on 17th Aug; next one on Tue 24th weather permitting.

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 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. 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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