



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
22nd Aug 2021 – 12th Sunday after Trinity

Bible Reading for Today – Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Collect for Today

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire, or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask save through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

The famous passage about the armour of God is not a call to physical war but to the spiritual battle of prayer. God has provided the equipment for this holy struggle. Now it's up to us to use it, in the power of the Spirit.

Online Services: Wed 8pm, Fri 1pm, Sun 12

Phone Service: 074 9710199 anytime

Prayer Points

Give thanks for...

How God equips us with his armour and the 'weapon' of the word (v17). Our natural families and our church family and all they mean to us.

Pray for...

Clear and fearless preaching of the gospel (v19-20).
Afghanistan (following the Taliban take over) & Haiti (after earthquake).

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

Announcements

Parish Readers: To increase involvement in church services we would like to recruit Bible Readers (to read the Bible in services) and Parish Readers (to lead services and prayers as well). Training given! Speak to the Rector to find out more.

Open-air Service: at the Rectory Tue 24th Aug **7.30pm**. All welcome; mix of old and new hymns & songs.

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.

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!

Clergy Changes: We welcome new local clergy Rev Janet Rossall (Methodist Church), Fr Niall Coll (Donegal Town RC) and Fr Adrian Gavigan (Ballintra RC). We also remember Rev John Montgomery and Fr Willie Peoples as they move away.

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