



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
29th Aug 2021 – 13th Sunday after Trinity

Bible Reading for Today – James 1:16-27

¹⁶ Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. ¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰ because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. ²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. ²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do. ²⁶ Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Collect for Today

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: Help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

"Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry" – good advice!! Listening to one another is good, and listening to God is best of all. As summer leads on into a new term, let's all be learners and listeners, whatever age and stage we are at.

With love, David

Prayer Points

Give thanks for...

Glorious weather and the relative peace and safety we enjoy here. The guidance and teaching God has kindly given us in his word.

Pray for...

Heads that understand, hearts that believe and hands that obey the word. Our brothers & sisters in Afghanistan, Nigeria and other troubled places.

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

Phone Service: 074 9710199 anytime

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

*** Service Swaps in Sept:** The 9:30 service will be in Lough Eske on Sun 5th Sept & Killymard on 12th Sept. Holy Communion will be on 19th (K, L & D) and 26th (L Eske). This is to fit in with Confirmation planned for 10th & 12th – Covid permitting.

Back to School: Best wishes and prayers for our young people returning to their studies, especially those starting a new school or heading to college/university. The Lord be with you! Thanks to all who supported M Seed back to school appeal.

Real Life Stories: Last of the series Saturday 28th 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!

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.

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.

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