



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
5th Sept 2021 – 14th Sunday after Trinity

Bible Reading for Today – James 2:1-4, 8-9, 12-17

¹ My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favouritism. ² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, 'Here's a good seat for you,' but say to the poor man, 'You stand there' or 'Sit on the floor by my feet,' ⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ...

⁸ If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, 'Love your neighbour as yourself,' you are doing right. ⁹ But if you show favouritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as law-breakers...

¹² Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, ¹³ because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

Collect for Today

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: Give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

James makes some fairly direct remarks in this week's Bible passage. He calls out favouritism, judgmentalism and empty words without actual care. The right way is summed up in the command, 'Love your neighbour as yourself,' which James calls Scripture's 'royal law.'

What things in this passage do you find most challenging?

Love & prayers, David

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

Phone Service: 074 9710199 anytime

Prayer Points

Give thanks for...

Positive news about Covid rules. // God's grace and guidance in Christ.

Pray for...

Faith which shows itself in loving actions. // Confirmation this month.

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
* NB see changes below for Sept

Announcements

* **Services in Sept:** The 9:30am 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 fits in with Confirmations happening on the evenings of 10th & 12th Sept.

Covid-19 update: Plans were announced on Tuesday for Covid-19 restrictions to be rolled back gradually between now and October 22nd. From 6th Sept, capacity in church will be 50% rather than 50 people. Face masks and social distancing are still required. We're waiting to hear about singing. The Archbishops continue to encourage all members of the Church of Ireland to avail of vaccination and to seek advice from the HSE and health professionals if they have any questions.

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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