



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
12th Sept 2021 – 15th Sunday after Trinity

Bible Reading for Today – James 3:1-12

¹ Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. ² We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. ³ When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴ Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵ Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶ The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷ All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. ¹¹ Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹² My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Collect for Today

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: Grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel; that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Rector's Thoughts

This week, James's instructions are on the use of the tongue. Human speech can do great good or cause great damage. How careful are you in your choice of words? Have you used words to cut people down or to build them up?

Speaking of building people up, please pray for our confirmation candidates and, if you have a chance, encourage them to keep going in their faith journey.

God bless, David

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

Phone Service: 074 9710199 anytime

Prayer Points

Give thanks for...

God's words which, unlike our words, are perfect. / The Lord Jesus Christ.

Pray for...

Confirmation candidates. / The bereaved. / Words which bless others.

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 Killymard on 12th Sept. Holy Communion will be on 19th (K, L & D) and 26th (L Eske). This fits with Confirmations happening on the evenings of 10th & 12th Sept – keep them in your prayers!

Wednesday Worship: Weekly online service (8pm on Weds). Starting a new series on the book of Revelation on 15th Sep.

Covid-19 update: We are now allowed 50% capacity in church services. Social distancing and face masks are still in place. We would love to see you on a Sunday. Our services are for all ages and last about 35 minutes.

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: Open Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30-2pm. Prayer time on Thursdays at 12.30pm, under the blue canopy.

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