

# **Parish Update** Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Bible Reading for Today – James 5:13-20

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you ill? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. <sup>18</sup> Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

<sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, <sup>20</sup> remember this: whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

Online Services: Wed 8pm, Fri 1pm, Sun12noon

Phone Service: 074 9710199 anytime



#### 🙀 Give thanks for...

The power of prayer / Harvest season / our church family.

A Pray for...

The newly-confirmed and all young people / places of drought and flood.

# Collect for Today

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: Teach us to offer ourselves to your service, that here we may have your peace, and in the world to come may see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **Rector's Thoughts**

The power of prayer is something we need to learn again in our day. Covid-19 has taught us the uncomfortable lesson that we are not in control of this world. Prayer connects us to the One who is in charge and who can bring healing, forgiveness, fruitfulness and all manner of blessings. Earnestness, directness and persistence are needed if our prayers, like Elijah's, are to prove powerful and effective. DH

## **In-Church Services**

9.30 Killymard (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday) Lough Eske (2<sup>nd</sup>& 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)
10.45 Laghey (every Sunday)
12.00 Donegal (every Sunday) + online

#### Announcements

**Services next few weeks:** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept Holy Communion Lough Eske, Family Service Laghey & Donegal. 3<sup>rd</sup> October Holy Baptism Killymard, Morning Prayer Laghey & Donegal. Next Communion will be on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

**Harvest Thanksgivings:** In October: <u>Donegal</u> Fri 1<sup>st</sup> 8pm (Rev Janet Rossall) & Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 12.00. <u>Laghey</u> Fri 8<sup>th</sup> 8pm (Mrs Esther Russell) & Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 10.45am. <u>L Eske</u> Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30am & Mon 11<sup>th</sup> 8pm (tbc). <u>Killymard</u> Fri 15<sup>th</sup> 8pm (Bishop Andrew Forster) & Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 9.30am. Collection for Mahajanga Diocese, Madagascar which is linked with Derry and Raphoe.

Family Harvest Trail: We are planning a fun, outdoor, all-age, all-weather Harvest event for Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Oct @ 3-5pm...

**Covid-19 update:** We are now allowed 50% capacity in church services. Singing will resume from 1<sup>st</sup> October with face masks and 2m distancing in place and with moderation in terms of length and volume of singing.

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

Alpha: Online course coming up on Tuesday nights, starting Oct/Nov – listen out for details & think who you can invite!

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