

Parish Update Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey 17th October 2021 – 20th Sunday after Trinity

Bible Reading for Today – Revelation 21:1-4, 22:1-5

21 Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth,' for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling-place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death" or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

🙏 Prayer Points 🙏

Give thanks for... The hope of a New Creation.

A Pray for... More people to come to faith in Jesus. Rebuilding of our parish life post-Covid. Alpha course. All who are ill physically or mentally.

Collect for Today

Almighty God, whose Holy Spirit equips your Church with a rich variety of gifts: Grant us so to use them that, living the gospel of Christ and eager to do your will, we may share with the whole creation in the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

We complete our mini-series on Creation this week, looking at the New Creation described at the very end of the Bible. It's even better than Eden - a place without pain, death, or darkness, where the presence of God and the Lamb (Jesus) is experienced in its full glory. This is the future hope of all who trust in Christ. Praise the Lord! DH

In-Church Services

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

Online Services Wed 8pm, Fri 1pm Sun 12.00

Phone Service 074 9710199 Ring any time

Announcements

Harvest Thanksgiving: Killymard Fri 15th 8pm with Bishop Andrew Forster & Sun 17th 9.30am. Collection for Mahajanga.

Family Harvest Trail: A fun, outdoor, all-age, all-weather Harvest event Sun 17th Oct 3-5pm @ the Rectory. Come along with your family to enjoy the great outdoors, with Bible teaching and refreshments. Please park at road or Glebe school.

Services October: Sunday 24th Holy Communion (Canon John Deane). Sunday 31st Morning Prayer (Mr Sean McClafferty).

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

Alpha: Online course Tuesdays @8pm starting 2nd November. Great way to explore the Christian faith in company.

Youth Group: @Presbyterian Church every other Friday. For secondary age. For details contact <u>Rev Stephen Richmond</u>.

Donegal Protestant Orphan Society: Please submit donations before the end of October to church or your collector.

Glebe National School: is accepting admissions for 2022/23 school year. Please contact admin@glebenationalschool.ie or ring Margaret on 074 9722183 to request an Application Form. Closing date is Friday 29th October 2021.

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