



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
7th Nov 2021 – 3rd Sunday before Advent

Bible Reading for Today – Mark 12:38-44

Warning Against the Teachers of the Law

³⁸ As he taught, Jesus said, 'Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the market-places, ³⁹ and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets. ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.'

The Widow's Offering

⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few pence. ⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything – all she had to live on.'

Collect for Today

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all: Govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

In this week's passage, Jesus strikingly contrasts the self-serving scribes and the self-sacrificing widow. Her tiny but sacrificial offering was worth more than all the others, as it reflected the generous heart of Christ who gave everything for our sake. Perhaps there is a call here to re-examine our giving and what it reflects about our own hearts.

Online Services:

Wed 8pm, Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

Phone Service:

074 9710199 – any time

Prayer Points



Give thanks for... Jesus' teaching; His encouragements and rebukes.



Pray for... Generous and loving hearts. Strength to follow His way.

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)

Announcements

Remembrance Sunday: Our acts of remembrance will be held on 7th November at Killymard and on 14th November in the other three churches. Wreaths will be laid and two minutes' silence observed for lives lost in war & conflict.

Services November: 7th Nov Holy Communion & Remembrance Killymard; Morning Prayer Laghey & Donegal.
14th Nov Remembrance Sunday Lough Eske, Laghey & Donegal.
21st Nov Family Service Killymard, Laghey & Donegal.
28th Nov Morning Prayer Lough Eske, Laghey & Donegal.

Many thanks: To Canon John Deane, Mr Sean McClafferty and all the team who helped while the Rector was away.

Friday Night Youth: For Secondary age. 5th & 19th Nov, 3rd & 17th Dec 7.30pm @ Presbyterian Hall. Contact S Richmond.

Alpha: Online course Tuesdays @8pm. Explore the Christian faith in company. Contact us to sign up.

The Mustard Seed: Open Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30-2pm. Outdoor area or indoors with Covid cert. Prayer time Thu @1230.

Donegal Protestant Orphan Society: Meeting at Conwal Parish Church Letterkenny Wed 10th Nov @7.30pm.

Finance: We thank God for sustaining our parish finances through this challenging period, and all parishioners who have given generously. To set up a regular Standing Order please contact your parish treasurer or Louise (details below).

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