



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
16th January 2022 – Epiphany 2

Bible Reading for Today – 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹ Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to dumb idols. ³ Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, 'Jesus be cursed,' and no one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. ⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Collect for Today

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

Parish life may feel a little quieter at the moment, as we wait in hope for an easing of restrictions. Nonetheless, there are good things going on and it's worthwhile to remember how much happens behind the scenes, including the diligent labour of treasurers & wardens, the work of cleaners and decorators, the tasks of administration, evangelism, teaching and pastoral care and, most of all, the vital work of prayer.


Our reading this week shows how God blesses his church with a variety of gifts, given for the benefit of all. Perhaps we can reflect on the gifts God has given us and how we can use them in 2022.


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)*

* usually also live-streamed

Prayer Points

 **Give thanks for...**
God's gifts through the Spirit.

 **Pray for...**
Everyone's gifts to be used to build up the body of Christ.

Phone Service

Ring 074 9710199 at any time

Online Services

Wed 8pm, Fri 1pm Sun 12noon

Announcements

Sunday Services: Morning Prayer 16th, 30th Jan. FAMILY SERVICE 23rd Jan. Communion 6th Feb (K, L, D) & 13th Feb (LE).

The Mustard Seed: Unfortunately we have decided to delay the re-opening of the Mustard Seed. A new opening date will be announced soon.

Inver Group of Parishes: We wish Rev Lindsey, Keith and all the Farrell family every blessing as they move from Inver to Maguiresbridge. Lindsey's last Sunday in the current parish will be 16th Jan. Please pray about all the changes involved.

Prayer Course: "Teach us to pray" was the disciples' request in Luke chapter 11. Following their example, we hope to run *The Prayer Course* in Lent (March-April) this year. See more at prayercourse.org. Details of how/when/where will follow...

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