



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
23rd January 2022 – Epiphany 3

Bible Reading for Today – 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body – whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ And so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body...

... ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

Collect for Today

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

Again this week's reading reminds us of the blessings of church membership – being a part of the body of Christ. Every member matters and has a valuable place. Let's keep putting this into practice by loving each other and using our gifts to serve the body of Christ.

Phone Service

Ring 074 9710199 at any time

Online Services

Wed 8pm, Fri 1pm Sun 12noon

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...

The body of Christ & the gifts of the Spirit. God's good plans for his people.

Pray for...

Parts of the body which are hurting. The bereaved. The marginalised. Victims of violence. Healing for the sick and those injured in accidents.

Announcements

Sunday Services: FAMILY SERVICE 23rd Jan. Morning Prayer 30th 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. We are also looking for more volunteers to help at the tea room – please speak to David / Louise.

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...

Finance: New Year can be a good time for us to review our giving to our parish as well as to missions & charities. Please contact your treasurer with any queries about envelopes, standing orders, tax refunds or making a one-off donation.

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