



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
6th March 2022 – 1st Sunday in Lent

Bible Reading for Today – Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.' ⁴ Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone."' ⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, 'I will give you all their authority and splendour; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to.' ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours.' ⁸ Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."' ⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down from here.' ¹⁰ For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; ¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" ¹² Jesus answered, 'It is said: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Collect for Today

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: Give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

The Russian invasion of Ukraine is an act of great evil which has brought untold human suffering. Besides those killed, injured and traumatised, we are seeing large numbers of refugees displaced from their homes. It is vital that we respond generously to them (details of a Church of Ireland appeal are being finalised). We also need to pray. The simple disciplines of reading scripture and praying can seem weak compared to the power of military hardware. But as our reading from Luke 4 shows, the ultimate battle is spiritual and the strongest 'weapons' are prayer and the word of God. As we begin Lent, let us make serious use of these resources.
With love, David

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)

Online Services

Wed 8pm, Fri 1pm,
Sun 12noon

Prayer Points

Give thanks for Jesus' victory over evil. Pray for peace.

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Announcements

Sunday Services: 6th March Communion (K,L&D). 13th March Morning Prayer (LE,L&D). 20th March Morning Prayer (K,L&D). 27th March Communion (LE), Family Service (L&D). (Also St Patrick's Day HC 11am D.)

Ukraine: We will have a special collection for Ukrainian refugees at our services on Sunday 6th March in addition to our usual collection. Help will be channelled via the Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal. Prayer materials are available in church.

The Mustard Seed: We're delighted to be open again each Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30 – 2pm. All welcome.

Sunday Schools: Donegal Sunday School is once a month; next one on Mar 6th. Laghey is starting too, on 6th March.

Prayer Course: Please let David know if you plan to come to this course which runs in person on Tues nights at 8pm starting 8th March in Donegal Church Hall. Learning about all aspects of prayer, using the Lord's Prayer as the basis.

The Bereavement Journey: 6 week course to support people who are grieving. Weds 6.30-8.30pm, from 9th March, @ Mustard Seed. Contact Sandra / Brian 083 351 5400 to book in. Suggested donation €30 for materials + light refreshments.

Covid-19: There is now no official requirement to wear face coverings in church. Please make your own decision based on your judgment of the risks to yourself and others. Socially distanced seating is still in place and kept under review.

Vestry Meeting: Killymard Monday 7th March at 8pm. **For more announcements:** Keep an eye on our Facebook Page.

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