



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
20th March 2022 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Bible Reading for Today – Luke 13:1-9

¹ Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." ⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷ So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' ⁸ "Sir," the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

Collect for Today

Merciful Lord, Grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

The parable of the fig tree illustrates what is said elsewhere in the New Testament:

*"The Lord is patient with you,
not wanting anyone to perish,
but everyone to come to repentance."*

(2 Peter 3:9)


Great news! Where there is true repentance, there is forgiveness. But, in sobering words, Jesus warns of other side of the coin: "unless you repent, you will all perish." Without turning from sin and trusting in Christ we will not receive eternal life. Jesus' words are stark, but he speaks them in love because he wants us to make the right choice.


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) *

*also livestreamed on Facebook

Prayer Points

 **Give thanks for...** The patience of our Lord.

 **Pray for...** true repentance and faith; our community; Ukraine & all affected by conflict. Peace.

Online Services

We 8pm Fri 1pm Sun12

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

Upcoming Services: 17th March St Patrick's Day HC 11am (Donegal). 20th March MP (K,L&D). 27th March (Mothering Sunday) Communion (LE), Family Service (L&D). 3rd April MP (K,L&D). 10th April MP (LE,L&D). 17th April Easter – see below.

Holy Week & Easter: Holy Wednesday 13th Apr 8pm Methodist Church. Maundy Thursday 14th Apr 8pm Presbyterian Church. Good Friday 11am Donegal, 8.30pm Killymard. Easter Day Communion 8.30 LE, 9.30 K, 10.45 L, 12.00 D.

Sunday Schools: Donegal and Laghey Sunday Schools are now both running once a month; next one on April 3rd.

Ukraine: Donations for Bishops' Appeal Ukraine fund can be given on Sundays, or at Bishops' Appeal website. Thanks.

The Mustard Seed: We're open each Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30 – 2pm. All are welcome!

Covid-19: Face coverings are now optional in church but please remember to stay home if you have any symptoms.

Easter Vestry dates: L Eske Mon 25th Apr, Killymard Wed 27th Apr, Donegal Thu 28th Apr, Laghey Mon 9th May. All 8pm.

Upcoming events: In the coming months we hope to have some initiatives and events including a clothing collection for Laghey, a strawberry tea in Donegal and a possible joint Killymard-Lough Eske event. 2022 is the 300th anniversary of the parish of Donegal and the 100th anniversary of the 'marriage' of Killymard and Lough Eske so these will be celebrated.

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