

# **Parish Update** Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

#### Bible Reading for Today – John 21:1-14

<sup>1</sup> Afterwards Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> 'I'm going out to fish,' Simon Peter told them, and they said, 'We'll go with you.' So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup> Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> He called out to them, 'Friends, haven't you any fish?' 'No,' they answered. <sup>6</sup> He said, 'Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.' When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.<sup>7</sup> Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, 'It is the Lord,' he wrapped his outer garment round him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.<sup>8</sup> The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred metres.<sup>9</sup> When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.<sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

## Collect for Today

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: Give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Rector's Thoughts

I love the last chapters of the Gospels, where we read about the risen Christ and his visits to the disciples. He leads them, feeds them and sends them on their mission, assured of his ongoing love and presence. There is so much to learn from here – join us on Sunday for more! Easter blessings, David.

## 🙏 Prayer Points 🙏

**Give thanks for...** The risen Lord: his power, presence, encouragement, leading **Pray for...** those who fish and work at sea; all who are discouraged; obedience

## In-Church Services

9.30	Killymard (1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday)
	Lough Eske (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday)
10.45	Laghey (every Sunday)
12.00	Donegal (every Sunday) also online

### Phone Service 074 9710199

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#### Announcements

**Sunday Services:** 1<sup>st</sup> May Holy Communion (K,L&D). 8<sup>th</sup> May Communion (LE), Morning Prayer + Sunday School (L&D). 15<sup>th</sup> May Morning Prayer (K,L&D). 22<sup>nd</sup> May Morning Prayer (LE,L&D). 29<sup>th</sup> May Family Service (K,L&D).

Sunday Schools: Donegal and Laghey Sunday Schools are now both running once a month; next date 8<sup>th</sup> May.

Wednesday Worship: is taking a break until 11<sup>th</sup> May. The Mustard Seed: Open Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30am – 2pm.

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

**Flowers and cleaning:** New volunteers would be very welcome to join our flowers & cleaning rotas in the churches. Please speak to the Rector or Churchwardens. **Country & Gospel concert:** St Anne's Ballyshannon 22<sup>nd</sup> May 7pm.

**Ukraine:** Donate at <u>bishopsappeal.ireland.anglican.org/give/</u>. To register accommodation, <u>registerofpledges.redcross.ie</u>. Some of the refugees who are accommodated locally have been joining us at church – please give them a warm welcome.

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