



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
15th May 2022 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Bible Reading for Today – John 13:31-35

³¹ When Judas was gone, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ 'My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ 'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'

Collect for Today

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.


Rector's Thoughts


It's the season for Annual General Meetings. Over the past few weeks we've had our Easter Vestries (the AGM of the parish) and General Synod (the AGM of the Church of Ireland.) As well as financial reports and elections of officers, these meetings are a chance to consider the state of the church. It's tempting to quote the line, "change and decay in all around I see," but there is also reason for hope, with signs of post-covid recovery and of the church slowly become more flexible and outward-looking. John 13 reminds us to keep love at the very centre.

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)
1200 also streamed online

Prayer Points

 **Give thanks for...** the love of Jesus; his teaching; the church & all it brings.

 **Pray for...** love for one another; church unity locally & globally; love for neighbours; the housing crisis; mental health; our leaders; Ukraine; children.

Phone Service

074 9710199

Online Services

Wed 8pm, Fri 1pm,
Sun 1200

Announcements

Sunday Services: 15th May Morning Prayer (K,L&D). 22nd May Morning Prayer (LE,L&D). 29th May Family Service (K,L&D).

Derry & Raphoe Youth walk: Sun 22nd May 3pm meet @ Mustard Seed to do Bank walk. All ages will be very welcome. Bring your own snacks! Tea & juice will be served at the end.

Summer Madness: Christian Festival 1st – 5th July in Portglenone, Co. Antrim. There will be a Derry & Raphoe Youth group going. Have a word with the rector if you are thinking about it. Best rates before end of May. See summermadness.co.uk.

Donegal Town young adults: a gathering for anyone aged 18 – mid 20s. Saturday 14th May 7.30pm @ Presbyterian hall.

The Mustard Seed: Open Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30am–2pm. **Country Gospel concert:** St Anne's Ballyshannon 22nd May 7pm.

Joint Service: On Sunday 26th June we're planning our first joint service in almost 3 years. All-age service in Donegal Church with Bishop Andrew preaching. Marking 300 years of the parish of Donegal. Starts 11.00am, more details soon.

Special events in Donegal Parish: Coffee morning Sat 25th June from 10.30am. Waterbus cruise on Saturday 13th August.

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

Healing Service: Drumholm Sunday 29th May 7pm. **St Columba's Day service:** Gartan Sunday 5th June 3pm.

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