



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
14th Aug 2022 – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Bible Reading for Today – Luke 12 : 49-56

⁴⁹ "I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵² From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." ⁵⁴ He said to the crowd: "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'It's going to rain,' and it does. ⁵⁵ And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It's going to be hot,' and it is. ⁵⁶ Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?"

Collect for Today

Almighty God who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: Open our hearts to the riches of his grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

We're so accustomed to thinking about Jesus bringing 'peace on earth' that it comes as a shock when we read in Luke 12:51 that he also brings division. But the Lord is just being realistic here: differences in Christian commitment do lead to friction in families and among friends. When this happens, our response should be to keep focused on Jesus, keep praying and keep loving. We never seek to cause division and we always try to heal division, but sometimes we have to live with division for a season. In such times, we fix our eyes on Jesus, who went through the pain and division of the cross in order to bring us peace with God.

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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

Phone Service

Ring 074 9710199

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

🙏 Prayer Points 🙏

🙏 **Thanks:** Jesus' great love for us and commitment to us. The cross.

🙏 **Prayer:** Bishop Levi's visit next week. Christian unity. All who are unwell or facing any kind of difficulty in their personal or family life.

Announcements

Sunday Services: 14th Aug HC (LE) MP (L,D). 21st Aug MP (K,L,D). 28th Aug MP (LE,L,D).

South Sudan Bishop visit: Bishop Levi & his wife Agnes Marandulu from the Diocese of Yei in South Sudan are visiting Ireland this month. There will be a chance to meet them at Laghey Parish Church at 8pm on Tuesday 16th August. Please come along for what will be an informative and enjoyable event. A team from our parishes visited Yei back in 2005.

The Mustard Seed: Open Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30am–2pm. **Prayer on Fridays** 12.30pm (@ M Seed) – come and join us!

Real Life Stories: at the Mustard Seed 11.00am on Sat 13th Aug. Have coffee and hear Martin's life story. All welcome!

DPOS: Donations to the Orphan Society can be given via church collection plate, local collector, or Treasurer Wm Jervis.

Summer Reading: Suggested book 'The Air we Breathe' by Glen Scrivener. Ask Bev for a copy. Book group later in summer

Rosstown Presbyterian: Sunday evening services in the tin church at 7pm throughout August. All welcome.

400th Anniversary service: Clonleigh Parish Church, Lifford Sun 21st Aug 3:30pm. Preacher Archdeacon David Huss.

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