

Parish Update Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey 4th Sept 2022 – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Bible Reading for Today – Luke 14: 25-33

²⁵ Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶ "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters - yes, even their own life – such a person cannot be my disciple.²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.' ³¹ "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace.³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

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)

The 1200 service is usually also online

🙏 Prayer Points 🙏

Thanks: Jesus' clear teaching on discipleship.

Prayer: Thoughtful following of Jesus Christ. Courage to pay the price when needed. Grace & truth.

Collect for Today

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire, or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask save through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

'The cost of discipleship' is the title of a classic book by German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, published in 1937. Bonhoeffer was a committed opponent of the Nazi regime and was executed in 1945. The book's title comes from passages like the one opposite, where Jesus dispels the myth that Christians will have a life of comfort and ease. Following Christ has a cost, but it is one infinitely worth paying. What have you found to be the cost of discipleship?

Online Services Fri 1pm Sun 12noon **Phone Service** 074 9710199

Announcements

Sunday Services: 4th Sep HC (K,L,D). 11th Sep MP (LE,L,D). 18th Sep MP (K,L,D). 25th Sep Harvest (LE) Family Service (L,D).

Prayer meeting: On the first Tuesday of each month. Next one is Tue 6th Sept at 8pm in Donegal Church Hall.

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

Harvest Thanksgiving: Evening services (8pm) & preachers: L Eske Mon 26th Sept Mrs Georgina Armstrong. Donegal Fri 30th Sept Rev John Montgomery. Laghey Fri 7th Oct Bishop Andrew Forster. Killymard Fri 14th Oct Mr Sean McClafferty.

Harvest 2022 Offering: For projects in Diocese of Yei. Waterbus Trip: Thanks to all involved. Total raised = €3,860.

Contemporary worship service: Sunday 11th Sept 7pm for 7.30pm start in the Methodist Church, Donegal Town.

Summer Reading: 'The Air we Breathe' by Glen Scrivener is a great read. Ask Bev for a copy. Book group to follow...

DRY Invites: Special worship service led by youth but open to everyone. Sunday 18th Sept at 4pm in Raphoe Cathedral. Guest speakers = medal-winning Para-Triathlon sisters Chloe and Judith MacCombe. Not to be missed!

Killaghtee Car Wash: Saturday 10th Sept 11am-3pm at Killaghtee Church. Donations only (towards church funds).

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