Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

29th Jan 2023 –The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Bible Reading for Today – Matthew 5:1-12

1 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside
and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach
them. He said:
3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for
they will be filled.
7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of
God.
10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 'Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and
falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and
be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same
way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Collect for Today

Creator God, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: We pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

A few updates this week:

1. Congratulations to the Revd Susan Elliott who has been appointed Rector of the Inver Group of Parishes. Susan is from South Africa and we look forward to welcoming her and her husband Don to South Donegal.

2. I'm excited about our Confirmation preparations – we have a big group of candidates & will have fun learning together. Please pray for the group. NB it's really important candidates come to church regularly.

3. If you know someone who is sick, in hospital, bereaved, etc. make sure to let the Rector know. Thanks!

David

In-Church Services

9.30	Killymard (1st, 3rd, 5th Sun)
	Lough Eske (2nd& 4th Sun)
10.45	Laghey (every Sunday)
12.00	Donegal (every Sunday) +*online*

Online Services
Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

Phone Service
074 9710199

🙏Prayer Points🙏

Thanks: Jesus' amazing kingdom teaching.

Prayer: Following the way of the cross as laid out by the Lord. Young people, especially our Confirmation group.

Announcements

Sundays: 29th Jan Family Service (K,L,D). 5th Feb HC (K,L,D). 12th Feb HC (LE), MP (L,D). 19th MP (K,L,D), 26th FS (LE,L,D).

Confirmation: *Sunday 18th June 2023 12.00noon in Donegal Church. Candidates must be in 6th class or above. Classes on Sundays at 6pm starting 26th Feb. Information evening for all candidates and parents on Sunday 5th Feb at 6pm in Laghey Hall. Derry and Raphoe Confirmation Day (optional but highly recommended) Sat 25th Feb 11am-3pm in Stranorlar.*

Sunday Schools: Laghey and Donegal, 1st & 3rd Sunday of month (not in school holidays).

The Mustard Seed: Everyone is welcome! Open Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30am – 2pm with Prayer on Fridays @ 12.30pm.

Drumhome Heritage Committee: Public meeting Ballintra Community Centre Tue 7th Feb 8pm.

Table Quiz: Ballintra Methodist Church Sat 28th Jan 8pm. **Contemporary Worship:** Sunday 5th Feb 7.30pm in Laghey.

Prayer Meeting: Tue 7th Feb 8pm in Donegal Church Hall. **Ash Wednesday:** 22nd Feb. Service at 8pm in Donegal Church.

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