



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
12th Feb 2023 – The Second Sunday before Lent

Bible Reading for Today – Matthew 6:25-34

²⁵ 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? ²⁸ 'And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Collect for Today

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

It's not hard to find things to worry about! Whether it's our health, the cost of living, the challenges faced by our children, the situation in Ukraine, the Mica crisis, the decline of the churches... worry is all around us. But Jesus calls us to be confident disciples who trust in a good Father and put his kingdom first. A great step in that direction is to put down your smartphone and look out the window! Or better still, go out into the fresh air and watch the birds and the flowers. God provides for them, and he will provide for you too.
With love, 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

Prayer Points

Thanks: Our ever-loving Father and his care for all his children.

Prayer: Turn your worries into prayers today... bring all your anxieties to the Lord. Pray for Turkey/Syria earthquake victims.

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

Sunday services: 12th Feb HC (LE), MP (L,D). 19th Feb MP (K,L,D), 26th Feb Family Service (LE,L,D). 5th Mar HC (K,L,D)

Ash Wednesday: Lent begins on Wed 22nd Feb and we will have a service of Holy Communion at 8pm in Donegal Church.

Joint Bible Study: Throughout March we will be joining with the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches for a joint Bible study group, with the option of attending on Wednesdays evenings or Thursday mornings. Beginning 1st & 2nd March.

Sunday Schools: Laghey and Donegal, 1st & 3rd Sunday of month (except in school holidays). Next one = 19th Feb.

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

2022 Monies: If you have envelopes, donations, sustentation etc. for 2022 please give them to your Treasurer ASAP.

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