



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
19th Feb 2023 – The Sunday before Lent

Bible Reading for Today – Matthew 17: 1-9

¹ After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

² There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³ Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

⁴ Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.'

⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!'

⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground, terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them. 'Get up,' he said. 'Don't be afraid.' ⁸ When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, 'Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Collect for Today

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: Give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

We're approaching the season of Lent with its 40 days of preparation for Easter. The account of Jesus' Transfiguration in Matthew ch17 teaches us to worship his glory and to follow his teaching: "This is my Son... Listen to him!" Are your thoughts, feelings and actions shaped by Jesus and his words, or by the world around you? What corrections do you need to make during this Lent season? DH

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: The glory and grace of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayer: Listening to Jesus & following him. Making the most of Lent. Prayer for those in need.

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

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

Ash Wednesday: Lent begins on Wed 22nd Feb. Service of Holy Communion (older form) 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 (8pm @ Donegal C of I Hall) or Thursday mornings (11am @ Donegal Presbyterian Hall). Beginning 1st / 2nd March. Looking at 'Encounters with Jesus' from the Gospels.

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

The Mustard Seed: Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30am – 2pm. Prayer on Fridays @ 12.30pm. *Collection for Syria/Turkey on 17th Feb.*

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

Special Collection: For Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief Fund, at back of church throughout Feb. €483 raised so far. Tk u!

Contemporary Worship: 5th Mar 7.30pm Methodist Church. **Confirmation:** Classes begin Sun 26th Feb 6pm @ Laghey.

Derry & Raphoe Youth Weekend: 24th – 26th March, Gortin Activity Centre. Secondary school age. More info from Rector.

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