



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
5th March 2023 – The Second Sunday in Lent

Bible Reading for Today – John 3: 1-8

¹ Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.'

³ Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.'

⁴ 'How can someone be born when they are old?' Nicodemus asked. 'Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!'

⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, "You must be born again." ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.'

Collect for Today

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth that they may return to the way of righteousness: Grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

This Sunday we'll think about what Jesus meant when he said, "You must be born again." (John 3:7). The new birth is mentioned in the New Testament by St John, St Paul, St Peter and St James as well as by our Lord himself. I'm really looking forward to exploring this topic together at our services on the Lord's Day. Hoping you can be there! 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 new birth; the work of the Spirit; all of God's blessings.

Prayer: Physical & spiritual needs; All of our Confirmation candidates & other young people; the lonely.

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

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

Contemporary Worship: 5th Mar 7.30pm Methodist Church. **St Patrick's Day:** 17th Mar HC @ Donegal Church 11.00am.

Prayer Meeting: Tuesday 7th March 8pm Donegal Church Hall. One hour to pray for the world and the parish. Come!!

Joint Bible Study: Wednesdays evenings (8pm @ Donegal C of I Hall) or Thursday mornings (11am @ Donegal Presbyterian Hall). Throughout the month of 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 = 5th March.

The Mustard Seed: Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30am–2pm. Prayer Fridays @ 12.30pm. Wed 8th Mar – donations to Women's Aid.

Special Collections: For Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief Fund. €1474 was raised in church and €707.70 at Mustard Seed.

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

New Wine: Christian conference held in Sligo 9th – 14th July. Go for the week or for a day. See www.newwineireland.org

Financial Aid: Remember charity grants are available to help individuals or families. Speak confidentially to the Rector.

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