Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey 14th May 2023 – Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday

Bible Reading for Today - John 14:15-21

¹⁵ "If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever – ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

Collect for Today

God our redeemer you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: Grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

In-Church Services

Donegal (every Sunday) +online

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

12.00

Phone Service

074 9710199

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

♣ Prayer Points ♣

Thanks: The promised Holy Spirit.

Prayer: The Spirit's fruit and gifts. Confirmation. Synod. outreach & pastoral care. Ministry with youth & children.

Announcements

Sunday services: 14th May HC (LE), MP (L,D); 21st May MP (K,L,D); 28th May FS (LE,L,D); 4th Jun HC (K,L,D).

Sunday Schools: Final meeting of the year @ Laghey & Donegal, Sunday 21st May. Family Services on 28th May.

The Mustard Seed: Open Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30am–2pm. Prayer time for all on Fridays at 12.30pm.

Laghey Roof Meeting: Information and planning about the need for a new church roof. Wed 24th May at 8pm in Laghey.

Holy Communion: During the Pandemic the bishops gave permission for communion wine to be served in individual cups. This permission is being withdrawn at the end of May and we will return to the shared chalice beginning on 4th June. With careful wiping of the chalice the risk is very low. As before, please refrain from taking the cup if you are unwell.

Confirmation Service: Sunday 18th June at 12.00noon in Donegal Church. This will be the only service on that day. There will be services of Holy Communion the following Sunday, 25th June in our morning services at Laghey and Donegal Town.

Summer opportunities: We highly recommend Summer Madness (30^{th} June – 4^{th} July in Portglenone) and New Wine (9^{th} – 14^{th} July in Sligo) as opportunities for fun, fellowship and spiritual growth. Summer Madness is a Christian youth festival. We are taking a group with Derry & Raphoe Youth. New Wine is a conference for all ages with worship, teaching & more.

Afternoon Tea: In memory of baby Luke Black and in aid of Féileacáin the Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Association of Ireland. 20th May 2-5pm at Doorin Hall F94 EK64.

Derry & Raphoe Family Fun Day: Sat 10th June 10am – 3pm @ Ulster American Folk Park. kirsty@derryandraphoe.org

DPOS: AGM in Conwal Church Letterkenny Wed 17th May 7.30pm. **Concert:** Stranorlar Church Hall 13th May 8pm.

Rathneeny Presbyterian: A service of praise and testimony with Rev Gordy McCracken Sunday 14th May 7.30pm.

General Synod: Church of Ireland 'AGM' 12-13 May, Wexford. Nuala, William, Robert & David are members. Please pray.