



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
16th July 2023 – 6th Sunday after Trinity

Bible Reading for Today – Matthew 13: 18-23

¹⁸ 'Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ when anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²² The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³ But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.'

Collect for Today

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rector's Thoughts

The parable of the sower illustrates the importance of hearing and receiving the word of God. How easy it is for the gospel message to be snatched away, or for it to wither for lack of roots or be choked by weeds. But what a blessing when the word bears fruit in our lives! May it be so for each of us.

There will be no Parish Update for the next two weeks – it will return in August.

God bless, 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: The word of God and its life-giving power.

Prayer: for each of us to hear and receive the word. For all who are bereaved, ill, anxious, lonely.

Sharing the gospel with one and all.

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon
(will be intermittent in July)

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

Sunday services: 16th July MP (K,L,D); 23rd July MP (LE,L,D); 30th July MP (K,L,D); 6 Aug HC (K,L,D); 13 Aug HC (LE), MP (L,D)

Rick & Alanna: It was great to have the Creightons with us last Sunday for an update on their life and work in Nigeria. View the video on our Facebook & YouTube channels. To receive prayer updates from the Creightons, or to support them financially, contact the rector or visit <https://www.crosslinks.org/mission-personnel/rick-and-alanna-creighton/>

Coffee Morning: in aid of Donegal Parish Church. Saturday 22nd July from 11am – 3pm in the Church Hall.

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

Barn Service: Save the date – Sunday 30th July at 4pm at the home of Mr & Mrs M Jervis, Edrim Glebe F94 KF44. David Huss preaching. Followed by a two week mission in the barn with meetings each night at 8pm except Saturdays.

Rossnowlagh Presbyterian: Summer services each Sunday in July & August at 7pm at the 'tin church' in Rossnowlagh.

Vintage Tea: Donegal Methodist Church Sat 29th July 2pm / 4.15pm. Contact Adeline 0877919508 / Valerie 0876108066.

Family Football Frenzy: Saturday 5th August in Castlederg. For all ages! Derry and Raphoe fun event. Contact David Huss.

Backpack Fund: opportunity to help families in need of assistance with the cost of return to school. Fliers in church.

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