



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
6th Aug 2023 – 9th Sunday after Trinity

Bible Reading for Today – Matthew 14: 13-21

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed those who were ill. ¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so that they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.' ¹⁶ Jesus replied, 'They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.' ¹⁷ 'We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,' they answered. ¹⁸ 'Bring them here to me,' he said. ¹⁹ And he told the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Collect for Today

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: Open our hearts to the riches of his grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Thoughts

*After a lovely family holiday we were saddened to hear of the deaths of two parishioners while we were away – Frances Graham and Roland Stevenson. Having so recently lost Gordon Robinson we feel very bereft by all of this. All the more reason to be thankful for the words in Matthew 14:14 – "He had compassion on them." Our Lord is full of mercy and love for the broken-hearted. We keep looking to him in faith & hope.
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 compassion of Jesus.
Prayer: the bereaved, the ill and the anxious. God's miracles of multiplication and provision. Help to put our faith in him.

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

Sunday services: 6th Aug HC (K,L,D); 13th Aug HC (LE), MP (L,D); 20th Aug MP (K,L,D); 27th Aug MP (LE,L,D).

Summertime @ the Mustard Seed: Each Saturday in August at 10.30am there will be tea and scones and a chance to hear different folks share true stories of God and his impact on ordinary lives – 'a day in the life of...' All are most welcome!

Coffee Morning: The coffee morning held in aid of Donegal Parish Church in July raised €750. Thanks to all involved.

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

Barn Mission: At M Jervis's barn, Edrim Glebe F94 KF44. Until 13th August. Meetings each night at 8pm except Saturdays.

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

Backpack Fund: Return to school is a costly time for families. The Backpack Fund is an initiative of Rev John Montgomery to help pupils in Glebe NS, Robertson NS & Inver NS struggling with these costs. Donations can be given via David Huss.

The Long Walk for Lorna: Rev Stephen Richmond's 50km sponsored walk from Sligo hospital to Lorna's home Saturday 26th August. To help with Lorna's long-term care costs. Donate in church or through [GoFundMe](#) page (The Long Walk for Lorna). To join part of the walk contact Stephen on 0861953833 or stephenrichmond100@gmail.com. Many thanks.

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