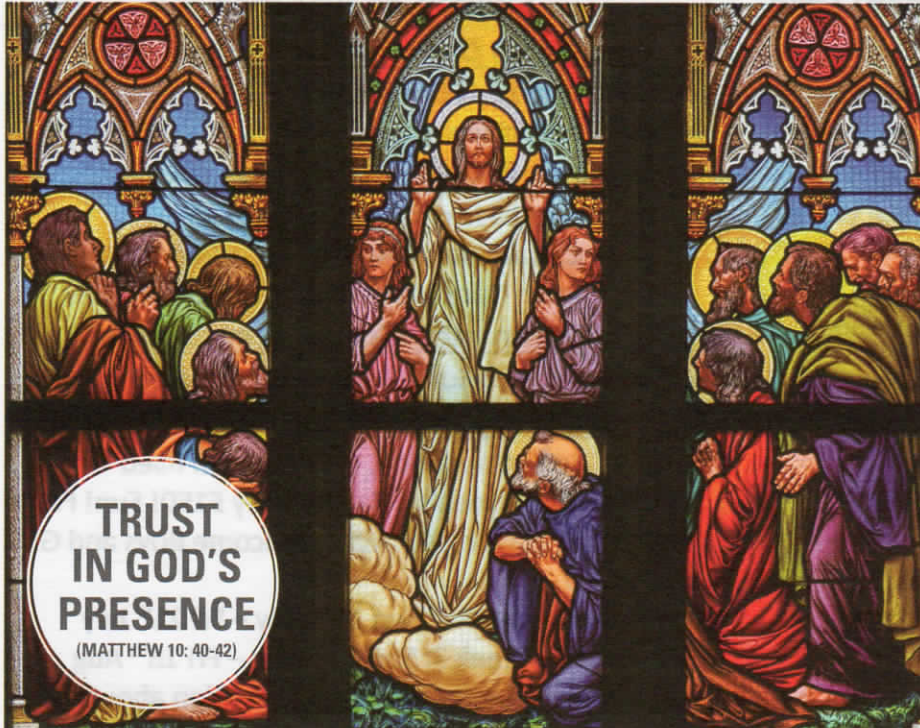


# Sunday Message

## THE WORD

Year A • Season Colour: Green • Psalter week 1



Stained Glass in the Basilica of Vysehrad in Prague, Czech Republic, depicting Jesus speaking to his disciples

Over the past few weeks in Matthew's Gospel, we have heard about the dangers and trials confronting the disciples as they seek to spread the Word of God in communities.

Understandably, there is an atmosphere of fear and trepidation amongst the group as they encounter opposition to their message and reluctance amongst people to hear the Word of God for what it really is. A lot of the relationships between the disciples and their families and society have been lost as they attempt to plot a new course of dialogue and prayer between God and his people.

Today's Gospel however, offers a welcome contrast for the disciples as Jesus offers them a glimpse of the fruits of their work as preachers and teachers. They will receive a prophet's reward. They will be welcomed into the homes of people just as Jesus Christ is welcomed. And those who offer them even the smallest cup of cold water to help them on their journey, will also receive a great reward. So we can sense at the very end of this chapter in Matthew's Gospel, that the trials which will most definitely come the disciples' way, will be counterbalanced by rewards that will have far greater impact. The disciples will be vulnerable like children but their future work will be dependent on trusting in God's power and presence in their lives. ■

### LEARN

'If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough.' (Meister Eckhart)

### DO

Think of one person in your life whose support you value and take the time this week to say thank you.

### SAY

Teach me your ways, O LORD; make them known to me. Teach me to live according to your truth, for you are my God, who saves me. I always trust in you. (Psalm 25)

## REFLECT

Captain Charles Plumb was a fighter pilot for the US Navy during the Vietnam war. His now infamous story will be told for generations to come.



His plane was destroyed by a surface to air missile and he spent 6 years as a Prisoner of War in a Vietnamese prison. He survived this difficult time in his life and now spends his time lecturing students on what he learnt from the experience.

One night he was sitting in a restaurant with his wife and a man comes over to his table and says, 'You're Captain Plumb. You flew fighter jets in Vietnam and you were shot down.' 'How in the world did you know that?' said Plumb. 'I packed your parachute,' says the man, 'and I guess it worked.' Plumb replied, 'It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today.'

When Charles Plumb tells this story to an audience, he always asks the question, 'Who's packing your parachute?' In other words, who are the people in your life that support you? Do you thank them for all they do for you? Do you even recognise who these people are? When Charles Plumb was on board the Navy ship, Pilots never spoke to the Parachute Packers. How many times had he passed him by on the ship and never said hello or thank you for the work he was doing?

Sometimes we lose sight of the people who provide us with the spiritual, emotional and physical support that helps us live our lives. Jesus opens the eyes of the disciples today to show them that God's support and love will always be a part of their lives and their mission. ■

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## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday Mass Times

St Colman's Dromore                      All Saints Ballela  
Sunday 11.00am                              Sunday 9.45am

### Weekday Mass Times: St Colman's

**Mon, Wed, & Fri:** 9.30am: Liturgy of the Word with Eucharist

**Tues & Thur:** Mass 9.30am

### Ballela Anniversaries

**Sun 2:** None

**Sun 9:** Dan & Sadie McCusker  
Kathleen McGrath

### Dromore Anniversaries

**Sun 2:** None

**Sun 9:** Joe Downey

Offertory Promise Collection £879.85

### Readers - Dromore

**Sun 9:** Siobhan McArdle

### Collectors Ballela - July

James McPolin & John McEvoy

### Dromore Diocesan Pastoral Council

On Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> June the first meeting of the Dromore Diocesan Pastoral Council took place. This Council is made up of lay men and women, religious and priests of the diocese, will reflect on the current state of personnel and organisation of the parishes of our diocese and will produce a Diocesan Development Plan. If you have ideas about how the diocese can be renewed or if you have experience that might contribute to this process of reflection, please talk to your own priest or contact the diocesan office at Bishop's House, 44 Armagh Rd, Newry BT35 6PN or email: [bishop@dromorediocese.org](mailto:bishop@dromorediocese.org). I would ask you to keep the work of the Council in your thoughts and prayers. (Bishop) John McAreavey

### Sick Visits

The sick of the parish will be visited during the week.

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017

### Parish Draw Winners Week 10

£500 George & Lily Gorman                      069  
£500 M McClenaghan                              121

### Ballela GAC Lotto

Lotto Numbers: 4 11 16 22

£10 winner: Bernard McCusker

Sellers draw: Gary McMullan.                      Jackpot £620

### Ballela Community Group, Treasure Hunt

will take place on Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Details later.

### Dromantine Summer Camp 2017

5 nights' accommodation, 6 days of fun filled activities, and 3 meals a day for only £150! Fun! Faith! Friendship! Running 47 years, welcome Boys and Girls aged 11-17.

**Boys Camp** – week 1: Sun 16<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July

**Girls Camp** – Week 3: Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Aug – Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Aug

Visit our web site for further information about the Camp and available spaces remaining.

[Summercamp.dromantineconference.com/](http://Summercamp.dromantineconference.com/)

or Tel: 02830821224

### Youth Summer Festival, Cistercian College,

### Roscrea, Co Tipperary 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Aug 2017

16-35 year olds welcome, this is a donation-only festival where young people will be treated to inspiring talks, testimonies, prayers, great music, dramas, workshops, reconciliation and healing service as well as great opportunities to meet new friends from all over Ireland. Food and accommodation is provided, all you bring is a sleeping bag, pillow and an open heart, Free buses provided, for further information and to book contact [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or Tel: 016753690.

### St Colman's Conference of St Vincent de Paul

Annual Senior Citizen's Outing to Carlingford will take place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017 leaving at 1.15pm.

Application Forms are now available in the Church Porch and in the Parish Hall.

Those wishing to travel should return their completed forms by 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017 Numbers are limited and will be allocated on a "first come, first accepted" basis.