

THE WORD

Year B • Season colour: Green • Psalter Week 2



JESUS IS ACCUSED

(MARK 3:20-35)

Jesus in the Temple, by Antoniazio Romano, in the church of San Pietro in Montorio, Rome

There are many stories of healing in the early chapters of Mark's Gospel, which form part of the initial footsteps of Jesus' missionary journey through Capernaum.

Huge crowds begin to follow him as his reputation for preaching and healing spreads throughout the countryside. It is fitting that after a period of intense activity, Jesus would take some time to have an intimate meal with members of his own blood family. This is the point at which we enter the story today. However, the meal doesn't go to plan. Crowds gather to catch a glimpse of Jesus or to hear his Word. Despite Jesus' earlier instruction to his disciples to keep his true identity quiet, the meal turns into a frantic affair. His own family think he is out of his mind and they try to take control of him. The scribes charge him with being possessed by the devil and even state that Jesus himself is the prince of demons. This is a step too far for Jesus and he states that under no circumstances can such language and blasphemy be tolerated. Since Jesus is the Spirit of God, the scribes are stating that the Spirit is unclean and evil. In Jesus' eyes, this is unacceptable. While the main body of this story focuses on this dialogue between Jesus and the scribes, Jesus returns to the more pressing matter: who is his family? As we have seen, his own flesh and blood think he is insane. Biblical scholar Ciaran O' Callaghan CSsR states that Jesus' new family are those who show "an openness to the presence of God's Kingdom ... and a positive response to Jesus' preaching and doing God's will". ■

SAY

**God, our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love.
Bless us with the joy of love.
Make us patient and kind,
gentle and generous,
welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.**

(Family Prayer for World Meeting of Families, 2018)

REFLECT

During World War II, a group of soldiers serving in France wanted to bury a fellow soldier who had been killed in combat. They were keen to ensure that he receive a proper place of burial so they found this very well kept cemetery and a beautiful Catholic church in the countryside, and they agreed that the location was perfect. But when they approached the priest, he stated that under no circumstances could the soldier be buried there as he was not a baptised Catholic. They must bury their friend outside the boundary of the cemetery. The priest sensed the disappointment in the soldiers as they did what he instructed. The following day the soldiers returned to pay their respects at the grave but they could not find the spot. "Surely we can't be mistaken! It was right here," one of them said. Just then the priest arrived and took them to a spot inside the boundary. He said, "last night I couldn't sleep thinking about your friend buried outside the cemetery. So I got up and moved the fence."

Today's Gospel gets us thinking about who is part of my family, and who is part of God's family? It broadens the definition of family and encourages us to move the fence to include the stranger and the homeless, the elderly and the sick, the lonely and those burdened with grief. God's love and outreach knows no boundaries. ■

LEARN

"The lifeblood of God's family, of the Church, is God's love which is activated in loving him and others, all others, without distinction or reservation. The Church is a family in which we love and are loved." (Pope Francis)

DO

This week, try to reflect on Jesus' teaching that we are all members of God's family, working together in faith and love, to bring about the Kingdom of God in our communities.



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Tenth 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 – No Liturgy of The Word
Cemetery Mass – 7.30pm

Tues : Mass – 9.30am

Wed, Thurs & Fri- 9.30am: Liturgy of the Word
with Eucharist

NO Mass on Thurs

Sat – 10-11am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Ballela Anniversaries

Sun 10: McCullough Family

Sun 17: Willie & Kathleen Rooney
Dan & Sadie McCusker

Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 10: Mary Mallon
Esme Gilmore (Months Mind)
George Burns
Basil Rainey

Sun 17: Stephen Magee
Dominic Downey
Helen Mulgrew

Offertory Promise Collection £1478.44

Readers - Dromore

Sun 17: John Mckeown

Cemetery Mass

Dromore : Mon 11th June, 7.30pm

Ballela : Wed 13th June, 7.30pm

At both Churches there will be a collection; proceeds will be used for cutting and maintenance at both cemeteries, please be as generous as you can. Please **bring a bottle of water** which Fr Des will bless during the Mass and each family can bless their own graves. Fr Des will personally bless the graves the next day.

Whist

Will take place on Sun 17th June at 8.30pm.
Ladies to supply pastry: Bernadette Cunningham & Liz Cunningham.

Sunday 10th June 2018

Parish Draw Winners Week 9

£100	Terry O'Neill	162
£50	David Rodgers	157
£30	Paul & Roisin Rice	543
£20	Mary McGreevy	090

Ballela GAC

Camogie match on Mon 11th at Home.
Ballela v Longstone.

Tractor Run will take place on Sun 24th June. More details later.

DROMANTINE

FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 10TH JUNE 2018

1.30 pm – 6.00 pm

ATTRACTION: Grand Draw, Country & Western Extravaganza, Vintage Tractors, Magician, Funfair, Bouncy Castles, Stalls, BBQ, Refreshments and much more! **Admission £5 Donation per car.**

Tea & Chat

Will take place on Sun 10th June after 11am Mass in Dromore.

St Vincent de Paul

Can we help you? Do you know of any lonely individuals or anyone in financial difficulties within the local parish, who could benefit from a friendly visit or assistance?

Helpline number: 07738838187

Do This In Memory

Will take place on Sun 10th June in both Churches.

Newry Cathedral Tour

Will take place on Wed 27th June at 2pm, tour will last approx. 90 mins. Please meet at the main door, you will hear the story of the building of the Cathedral, 1825-1829 and of the later extensions. The history of the stained glass, marble alters, sculptures and mosaics. There is no charge for the tour.

World Meeting of Families

Next week there will be a collection towards the World Meeting of Families Event in Aug when Pope Frances will visit Ireland. Please be as generous as possible.