

THE WORD

Year B • Season Colour: Green • Psalter Week 2

THE REJECTION OF JESUS AT NAZARETH
(MARK 6:1-6)

View from Mount Precipice. It is believed by many to be the site of the Rejection of Jesus.

What a contrast we are presented with today, when compared with the theme of last week's Gospel.

You might remember the scene of Jesus healing Jairus' daughter and the haemorrhaging woman. The characters in the story are marked by their belief and trust in Jesus. As a result of such great acts of healing, crowds will follow Jesus around the countryside and in particular Capernaum. There is something special about this man Jesus. But as soon as he arrives into Nazareth, his home town, he is rejected and laughed at. There is a sceptical inquisitiveness present in today's Gospel story. Who is this man? Where did he get such wisdom? He is just a carpenter's son surely? Sure we know his mother and sisters! Jesus is rejected many times in the Gospels but being rejected by his own family must have been hurtful. "A prophet is only despised among his own relations and in his own house," says Jesus.

With this revelation in mind, it is worth noting that the scene that follows this is Jesus sending out the Twelve in twos, telling them to leave everything behind. It is perhaps Jesus' experience with his own family and friends in Nazareth that inspires a mission that will involve turning one's back on what is familiar and moving away from one's home to preach the Word of God to the world. ■

REFLECT

Being rejected by work colleagues, peers or family can be difficult to accept. The world is full of stories of rejection. The writer J.K. Rowling was once sacked from her job as a secretary for being a day dreamer, and was then rejected by 12 publishers after writing *Harry Potter*. Oprah Winfrey was fired from her job as a reporter and told she was unfit for TV. Michael Jordan lost his place on his high school basketball team for a 'lack of skill', and Walt Disney was sacked by a newspaper for lacking imagination and having no good ideas. The common thread between all of these, of course, is that they dusted themselves down and carried on regardless.

We cannot say that Jesus' desire was to become world famous or a multi-millionaire like our superstars above. But Jesus had a singular goal and that was to make the God of love and mercy known to the whole world. The task in itself is ambitious but not flawed. He creates a faithful group of followers around him who will know good times and bad. They will see the face of God in the signs and works of Jesus. But they will also experience rejection and disdain from those who fail to understand. Rejection is the theme that emerges regularly during Jesus' mission. His response is to carry on with the support of his true followers, his true friends. After today's difficult experience in his home town of Nazareth, Jesus and his disciples will go out to the whole world and preach the Good News. ■

SAY

"Stay where you are – find your own Calcutta. Find the sick, the suffering, the lonely, right there where you are – in your own homes and in your own families, in your workplaces and schools."

(St Teresa of Calcutta)

DO

Think of a way you can preach the Word of God this week through an action or good deed for someone else.



LEARN

"Whoever wants to preach must be the first to let the Word of God move them deeply and become incarnate in their daily lives."
(*Evangelii Gaudium*)

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Fourteenth 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

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

Ballela Anniversaries

Sun 8: Kathleen McGrath

Sun15: Rose Rooney

Mary Meehan

Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 8: John & Josephine Gracey

Sun 15: Joe Downey

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Readers - Dromore

Sun 15: Anwin Robin

Recently Baptised

Rory James McArdle

Children's Liturgy gets Messy!

Will take place on Tuesday mornings in Ballela School 10am -11.30am followed by tea and chat. Join us on Tues 10th, 17th & 24th July and 14th, 21st & 28th Aug. A chance for children, parents and grandparents to get together with craft, activities and lots of fun based on stories from the Bible. If you wish you can help with activities or make tea. Contact Jill/Michael on 40671401 This week Tues 10th is the story about Noah.

St Colmans Hall Dromore

The parish hall in Dromore is used on a regular basis and the Parish needs someone to take responsibility for keeping the hall clean and ensuring that there are adequate supplies of towels, toiletries etc in the hall at all times. If you would be willing to volunteer to take care of the hall please contact the Parish office on Mon, Wed or Fri between 10am and 1.30pm. The Parish would like to acknowledge and thank Anthony Moffett for taking care of St Colman's hall over the past 18 months.

Sunday 8th July 2018

Parish Draw Winners Week 13

£100	Betty McStraw	182
£50	Jacqueline McCrory	521
£30	Noel Finegan	256
£20	Lucinda Maginess	127

Ballela GAC Lotto

Fri 29th June: 2 8 15 18

£10 winner Brian Burns, Seller Gary McMullan

Fri 6th July: 2 6 10 15

No £10 winners Seller Sean Burns.

We had another successful Cul Camp this year and wish all our underage players and parents a happy and safe summer.

Ballela Community Group

Treasure Hunt Sun 22nd July This year's event is a fund raiser for **NI Air Ambulance** a vital response emergency service which was launched in July 2017 and provides outstanding critical care where and when needed most especially to rural communities. The Treasure Hunt starts off at 2pm from All Saints P.S and after everyone has worked out the clues they are invited back to the school for afternoon tea. If you don't want to do the Treasure Hunt but still wish to make a donation to the NI Air ambulance please come along and enjoy afternoon tea. Cost for Treasure Hunt is £5 per adult and children are Free, there are cash prizes for winners.

St Vincent de Paul annual Senior Citizens'

Lunch

Will be held in The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford at 2.30pm on Sun 19th Aug. Bus will leave Gallows St at 1.15pm and return at approximately 8.00pm, those wishing to travel should complete forms in either Church porch or in Dromore parochial Hall. First come, First served as places are limited.

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