



JESUS SENDS OUT THE TWELVE

(MARK 6:7-13)

SAY

“Give something, however small, to one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.”

(St Gregory of Nazianzus)

LEARN

“The source of the Church’s mission is the conviction that Christ is risen and fully alive and present to the community of believing Christians.” (Archbishop John Niendstedt)

DO

How can you be of service to God’s people this week? Is there a reluctance in you to volunteer for a worthy parish initiative? How can you support your fellow lay missionaries?

There may have been an atmosphere of excitement and a hint of trepidation amongst Jesus and his disciples as they set out to the villages of Galilee in twos to preach about the forgiveness of sins and to anoint the sick with oil.

The simplicity of this activity, bringing with them only their staff and sandals, is in direct contrast to the difficulties that have crossed their paths in Nazareth. Scripture scholar Ciaran O’ Callaghan, CSsR states that the staff and sandals symbolise the urgency of this missionary journey. There is no time to waste. Unlike missionaries from other religions who travelled the dusty roads of Galilee weighed down by their baggage and possessions, the disciples of Jesus will move quickly from one place to the next. This group of preachers are setting themselves apart from the rest.

They are given their instructions. When hospitality is given in a town, then stay in that place until it is time to leave. However, when the disciples encounter criticism or unwelcome, they are to move on and “as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them”. ■

REFLECT

The pilgrim journey taken by the disciples in today’s Gospel is not unlike the continuous task of the church in its work of preaching, teaching and healing. The argument can be made that the disciples of Jesus’ time had a more successful time in converting minds and hearts than the current missionary activity of the church. Why so, you might ask? The influence of atheists like Jean Paul Sartre and more current voices encourage

the move towards a personal freedom, where the human person refuses to be shackled by religion or by a God who imposes rules on our lives. The famous line by Sartre is quoted frequently: “If God exists, I cannot be free. But I am free, therefore God does not exist.” It follows then that the word ‘I’ overtakes the word ‘God’ in society’s quest for freedom and happiness. ‘I will decide who I will be.’ ‘I decide what I will do.’ With this current desire for autonomy in our world, can you imagine Jesus’ disciples knocking on the doors of people’s houses in the

year 2018 to tell the story of God, who is disclosed in the mystery of Jesus Christ? I wonder what kind of reaction they would get. As favourable as they got in Galilee, or a truly negative response as experienced by Jesus in Nazareth? The church is not working on fertile ground like the disciples of old. But we constantly have an opportunity to preach about freedom – not personal freedom but God’s freedom in electing us as his followers. As Bishop Robert Barron states, “we are set apart for God’s service. Nothing else matters.” ■

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Fifteenth 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 15: Rose Rooney
Mary Meehan

Sun 22: None

Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 15: Joe Downey

Thurs 19: Agnes Carr

Sun 22: None

Offertory Promise Collection £805.14

Readers - Dromore

Sun 22: Caroline Rooney

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, 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's theme is Abraham and Sarah.

Whist

Whist will take place in St Colmans Hall Dromore on Sun 15th July at 8.30pm.

Notices for Bulletin

Please have all notices for bulletin in for **10am Thursday 19th July** as the office will be closed on **Fri 20th**.

Climb Croagh Patrick

Sun 19th August – Mon 20th August. Ages 16 – 30 yrs old Join others on an Adventure of Faith – Walk, Climb, Laugh & Pray a little. Full details and booking form please contact Frances McNally. Tel 0283033898 or email: dromored@btconnect.

Sunday 15th July 2018

Parish Draw Winners Week 14

£100	Peter McCrory	132
£50	Sean McCrory	130
£30	Veronica Moreland	435
£20	Yvonne Cull	110

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 wish to do the Treasure Hunt but still want 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

Youth Summer Festival, Cistercian College,

Roscrea, Co Tipperary 16th – 19th Aug 2018
aged 16 – 35 yrs old

A weekend of Fun faith and Friendship, live music, Prayer & Reconciliation, inspiring talks, Workshops, Drama and a chance to meet new friends. Free buses, This is a donation only festival, all food and accommodation is provided for. For further information see office@youth2000.ie