

Sunday Message

THE WORD

Year B • Season Colour: Green • Psalter Week 4



HOW MUCH IS JESUS WORTH?

(MARK 10:17-30)

SAY

I am truly rich in Jesus.

LEARN

It would be more accurate to understand the Fifth Commandment as “you shall not commit murder”.

“You must not defraud”: avoiding paying proper taxes which contribute to the common good would come under this commandment today.

“Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him”: Jesus admired the man’s genuineness and his personal uprightness in observing the Commandments.

Following Jesus today means applying his teachings to our personal circumstances in an appropriate manner.

DO

When you have to carry heavy bags, think of the camel and the eye of the needle. What are you prepared to give up, in order to inherit eternal life, the Kingdom of God?

In the Gospel, to be a disciple of Jesus means to travel with him. It means to follow Jesus, to go where he leads. In Mark’s version, the evangelist presents this in symbolic terms as literally taking the road with Jesus, the path which will lead to Jerusalem and the cross.

In today’s episode a man comes up and asks how he can inherit eternal life. After an initial and rather sharp rebuke, Jesus tells him that it is not simply a matter of keeping the commandments, but that it will cost him – and cost him dearly. He invites the person concerned to give up his wealth, and therefore his social position, and adopt the itinerant, wandering life of a disciple. This is clearly a step too far for this obviously sincere individual. He is taken aback at Jesus’ words and goes away downcast. Jesus has told him that the cost of eternal life, of entering the Kingdom of God, is to become his disciple, which, in the words of one spiritual writer, will be “costing not less than everything”. Possessions would be an encumbrance to the missionary activity and outlook of the disciples. Mark reveals at the end of the scene that the person concerned is in fact extremely wealthy; as someone who has always observed the Law, he would have used his wealth for the benefit of those less fortunate. Jesus invites him to join the circle of his disciples and we are once more given a picture of a person’s reaction to this invitation. In this case, it is a regretful refusal: the cost is too great. ■

REFLECT

The subject of possessions and wealth is one which arises often in the Gospel narrative and causes all sorts of problems for Christians who want to be true disciples of Jesus. For most people the teaching about selling everything, then leaving home and family to follow Jesus is simply not appropriate. Perhaps we might look at the question from the point of view of our priorities. What is the

most important focus of our lives? It is not a question of Jesus first to the exclusion of all else; if we have a family or other responsibilities, then that is how we live our being a disciple of Jesus. But from time to time, for instance in the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent, the liturgy asks us to look at our lives and see if our focus is still on the essentials or whether other, even important matters have crept in and are distracting us from the true

values of our faith and how we live those in our daily lives. The biblical prophets and the early teachers of the faith regard accumulating wealth for its own sake, while other people lack the basic necessities of life, as an offence against God. For them it is a question of justice: a question which many rich individuals and nations should ask themselves today – if they have the courage. ■

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Twenty – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 14th October 2018

Sunday Mass Times

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

Weekday Mass Times: St Colman's

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

Tues & Fri : Mass – 9.30am

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

Weekday Mass times: All Saints

Thursday – 7.00pm

Ballela Anniversaries

Sun 14: Daniel & Margaret Devlin

Thurs 18 : Henry O'Hare
Elizabeth McCusker

Sun 21 : Anthony McEvoy

Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 14: Daniel Donaldson
James & Margaret Kelly and
Deceased members of the Kelly family
John & Bridget Maginess
Mary Murphy

Sun 21: None

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Readers - Dromore

Sun 21: Niall Rice

Recently Baptised

Elen Mared Jones

Do This In Memory, Enrolment Sunday

Will take place on Sun 14th Oct in Dromore and on Sun 21st in Ballela.

Tea and Chat

Tea and Chat will take place on Sun 14th of Oct in St Colmans hall Dromore after 11am mass. Everyone welcome.

Autumn Leaves Charity Dance

A Dance will take place on **Fri 19th Oct** in St Colmans Hall Dromore in aid of N.I. Air Ambulance. Music is by Brian & Chris and doors open at 8pm, admission is £6 which includes supper. Come along and bring a friend.

Parish Draw Winners Week 27

£100	Frances O'Hare	574
£50	Una Eadie	278
£30	Nan McClure	019
£20	Dan Brennan	106

Ballela G.A.C Lotto

Fri 5th Oct : 2 8 17 22

£10 winner Brian McDermott, Seller: John Doyle

Fri 12th Oct: 6 11 21 23

£10 winner Barney McCusker, Seller: Gary McMullan

Next week's jackpot £2000

Dromore Cathedral Mothers' Union

Has invited the ladies of our parish to their visitors evening on Wednesday 24th October at 8pm. Mrs Sharon Porter who runs a successful Coffee Shop, is an accomplished baker and she also has a very moving and interesting tale to tell. If you would like to attend please contact Mary Burns on 07917517520 by 19th of October.

National Adoption Week 15th - 22nd October

Family Care Adoption Services is seeking adoptive families for babies, young children aged 3 years and older; and brothers and sisters. To find out more information please contact us at:

Family Care Adoption Services:

Telephone: 028 71 368592 or 028 90 691133

Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Email: anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org

Website: www.familycaresociety.co.uk

St Joseph's Young Priest's Society

Annual half day retreat will be held on Sunday 21st October 2018 in Dromantine. Cost £10. Light refreshments will be available on arrival at 1.30 pm and mid-afternoon. Mass will be celebrated at 4.45pm. All are welcome to attend. Contact Patricia 028 30821286 or Catherine 028 97562478 if attending.

Whist

Whist will take place in Dromore Hall on Sun 21st Oct at 8.30pm. Ladies to supply pastry: Rosaleen Mulholland & Dolores Downey