

Sunday Message

THE WORD

Year B • Season Colour: Green • Psalter Week 1

THRONE OR STOOL?

(MARK 10:35-45)

SAY

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for me.

DO

Are you in a position of authority over anyone (including your children)? How do you relate to those under you? Do you think of yourself as being in the position of a servant (this does not mean being a doormat) and that your responsibility is the well-being of those in your charge? Then look at the crucifix.

LEARN

Jesus' death on the cross has been understood from the very beginning as a sacrificial death on behalf of others.

The term 'for many' can reflect a Hebrew expression meaning that 'many' people make up 'all' people.

In English, 'many' means 'not all' (it is an exclusive term); in Hebrew, 'many' can have the meaning 'all' (it can be an inclusive term).

Christ's sacrifice can therefore be understood as redemption for all people. This does not necessarily mean that all are saved.

Once again, Mark presents the disciples as rather obtuse individuals who still do not understand what Jesus is all about, despite his speaking to them about the passion and cross.

They imagine, even now, that they can bask in reflected glory by being associated with him. For the third time, Jesus predicts his suffering and then he asks them whether they can share in the passion which is his destiny. When they reply that they can, he tells them that even that will not guarantee for them the places of honour which they desire. That is not in his gift; the Father has already decided who will occupy those places. Who they will be, we are not told.

This discussion leads into Jesus instructing the Twelve about the nature of true leadership. In the political and social circumstances of the time, in which the local population was under the thumb of foreign occupiers with the might of the Roman Empire behind them, the experience of officials abusing their power would be probably all too familiar. In Jesus' mind, true authority is revealed in service. State power is not to be the model for authority amongst the disciples. True greatness lies in being at the disposal of others, and for this the best example is Jesus himself. The idea of Jesus being the Son of Man who gives his life "as a ransom for many" is the key to understanding not only this passage but the entire Gospel of Mark. ■

REFLECT

Today we are asked to reflect on and pray for the missionary work of the church. We have heard a lot about Jesus' disciples in the Gospel readings of the past few Sundays, and have seen that to be a disciple of Jesus means first of all to have a personal relationship with him. Then Jesus sends his disciples out to share in his ministry of preaching and healing. It is this context of mission being part of what it means to be a disciple that we might think about on Mission Sunday.

Ireland has a proud tradition of missionary outreach back to the time of Columba.

The impulse to take the Good News to those who have yet to hear it has been part of Celtic spirituality from the earliest times. The religious orders of women and men and those who have gone abroad to minister as diocesan priests have contributed to the building up of the church throughout the world.

Today we have a different situation. The number of women and men offering themselves for that kind of life and apostolate has declined sharply and people now speak of the countries of Northern Europe, including Ireland, as

the mission territory of today. However, a reverse flow of clergy and religious from abroad is not necessarily the answer. Perhaps we should see the decline in the traditional idea of vocation as a sign from the Spirit: the Holy Spirit may be asking us, the disciples of Jesus today, to find new forms of community life and worship rather than just to prop up the old familiar structures. This will need wisdom and courage; but the alternative is the death of the church. We might pray today for a new understanding of mission and the part we all have to play in making it a reality. ■

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Mission Sunday

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 21 : Anthony McEvoy

Sun 28: Hugh, Mary Theresa &
Hugh jun McCusker

Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 21: Bella Finegan

Sun 28: None

Offertory Promise Collection £852.42

Readers - Dromore

Sun 28: Anwin Robin

Do This In Memory

"Week 2" of Do This In Memory Will take place on Sun 28th Oct in Dromore for the Dromore children.

Enrolment Sunday for the children of Ballela will take place today.

Daughters of Charity

Please return any donations for The Daughters of Charity as soon as possible put in basket with collection or return to parochial house.

Whist

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

November Dead lists

Are available at the back of the church please return within the next two weeks.

Found

A ring has been found in St Colmans Church, please call in at parochial House.

Sunday 21st October 2018

Parish Draw Winners Week 28

£100	Conor Cunningham (Dromore)	137
£50	Peter McCrory	132
£30	Michelle McGrath	598
£20	Emma Kattourah	274

Ballela Community Group

Meeting will be held on Mon 22nd Oct at 7pm in Ballela School.

Pilates Classes

Another block of Pilates classes will resume on Tues 6th Nov at 7pm in Ballela school. Cost is £54 for 6 Classes. This class is kept small so the teacher can focus on each individual. If interested contact any committee member or Sara Duff on 07928674733. This class is open to men & women.

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.

Annaclone, Ballela & Dromore Lourdes Committee.

Meeting will be held On Monday 22nd October at 8.30pm in Ballela school.

There is a Lourdes reunion mass for everyone who travelled to Lourdes this Year, it will be on Sunday 28th October at 3pm in St Therese' Church Scarva Rd Banbridge.

Dromantine SMA Retreat and conference centre

Invites you to a weekend of reflection on: Grief & Bereavement on Sat 3rd to Sun 4th Nov. Registration 10am sat finishing after lunch 2pm Sunday. Facilitated by Sister Una Boland, L.C.M. cost £80 includes accommodation & meals. Tel: 02830821964.