

THE WORD

Year C • Season Colour: Green • Psalter Week 1

This part of Luke's Gospel concentrates on the important journey of Jesus and his followers from Galilee to Jerusalem. Already, his disciples have witnessed many signs including the feeding of the five thousand, the transfiguration of Jesus and powerful gestures of healing that have convinced those closest to him that Jesus is indeed the Messiah.

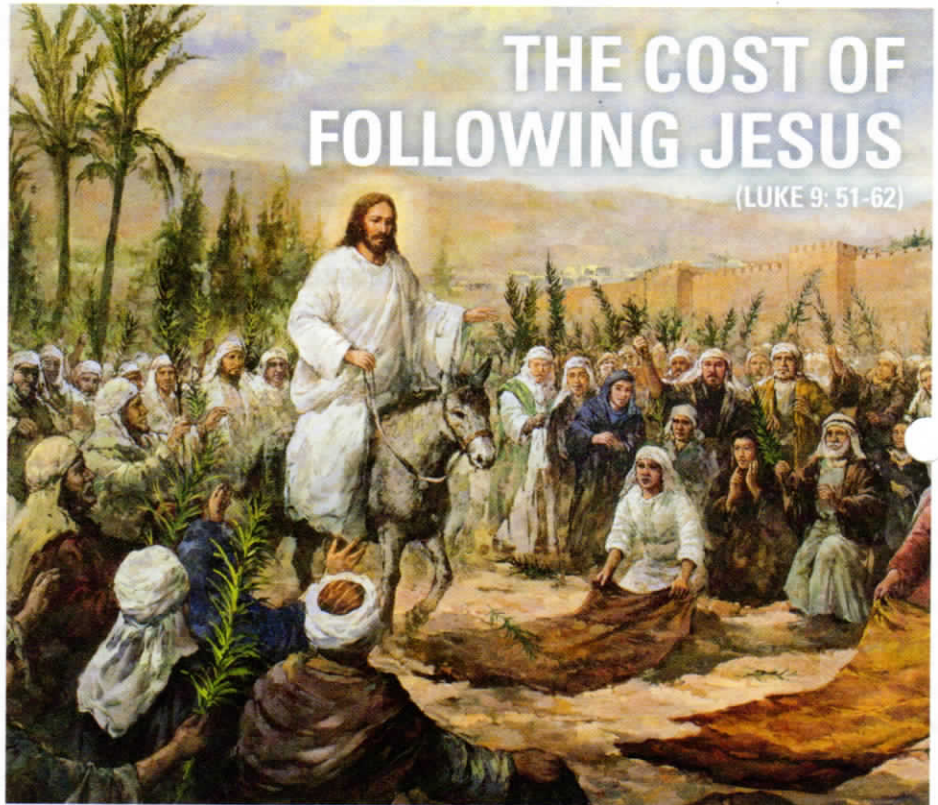
However, this territory of Samaria is dangerous and hostile and many Jews were not welcome to stay in villages along the way. Jesus sends two messengers to prepare the way for him but they do not find the place hospitable. Two disciples, James and John, suggest that the best way to counteract such rejection is to call fire down from heaven to destroy the village. Definitely a harsh response to say the least, but thankfully Jesus does not harbour the same aggression and he rebukes his two friends and moves on to the next village.

We then move into three incidents or short parables concerning followers of Jesus and each story details the cost involved in choosing to be a disciple of Christ. In each case, a hard decision needs to be made: continue to follow Jesus along the way or allow your mind to be turned elsewhere. For Jesus, proclaiming the Kingdom takes priority over everything else, and in each of these stories, the cost of discipleship is too much. They turn their backs on the Lord and focus on worldly things. Indeed, while we could view these stories as somewhat harsh, perhaps we could ask the question, how willing are we to change in order to be a worthy servant of God the Father? ■

SAY

“Be sure that you first preach by the way you live. If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing, but live otherwise, and your words will bring only cynical laughter and a derisive shake of the head.”

(St Charles Borromeo)



Printed image in Grace Church Chiangmai, Thailand of Jesus going up to Jerusalem among a large crowd

REFLECT

Someone once said that if you want an example of Christian commitment and self-sacrifice, reflect on the countless religious, priests and lay people who travelled to missionary territories only to encounter the greatest of hardships in their personal lives as a result of malaria, yellow fever and other tropical infections. A Jesuit mission called Baroma, in the heart of Northern Mozambique, has a picturesque graveyard overlooking the Zambeze river. A closer inspection of the headstones shows that the average age at death was 22. Young men full of ideals, full of zeal and full of faith in the preached message of Christ, dying long before their time. These moments of reflection can be heart-wrenching but also heartening. The church always had people who were willing to lay down their lives for their faith and while Jesus is not asking for that level of commitment in today's Gospel, he is asking for a change of mind and heart. In this secular environment we all live in, where topics of conversation focus on our standard of living, Brexit, the age of Artificial Intelligence, Tesla cars and my personal happiness, where does God and church fit into our worldly vision? Jesus' call to his followers today is a call to re-orientate our minds towards God and the Christian call to discipleship. Practically speaking, that means placing ourselves into God's Spirit and serving God's people like the missionaries before us. ■

DO

Read the Gospel story again and focus in particular on the three short stories. Why do you think they turned away from Jesus? What was being asked of them?

LEARN

“The Church is the visible plan of God's love for humanity because God desires that the whole human race may become one People of God, form one Body of Christ, and be built up into one temple of the Holy Spirit.”

(Paul VI, June 22, 1973)

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Thirteenth 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 & Thurs : Liturgy of the word - 9.30am

Tues & Fri: Mass – 9.30am

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

NB. There will be no weekday masses in Dromore in the first two weeks of July.

Weekday Mass times: All Saints

Thursday – 7.00pm

Ballela Anniversaries

Sun 30: Rose & Ned Rooney

Thurs 4: Kathleen McGrath

Sun 7: None

Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 30: None

Sun 7: Dominic Downey

Annette Prentice (Months Mind)

Offertory Promise Collection £1334.86

Readers - Dromore

Sun 7: Grainne Killiner

Recently Deceased

Janina Ewa Szkaradek, Ashbridge Manor, Kinallen.

Collectors, All Saints – July

Juanes McPolin & John McEvoy

St Vincent de Paul Annual Outing

St Vincent de Paul, Dromore, Annual Senior Citizens outing to Carlingford will take place on Sunday 11th August 2019. Transport will leave from the Parochial Hall, Dromore at 1.15pm returning at about 8.00pm. Application Forms are available in the Porch of St Colman's church and in the Parochial Hall.

Sick visits

The sick will be visited as follows:

Tues 2nd July – Ballela

Wed 3rd July – Dromore

Glór Uachtar Tíre's Summer Scheme

8th-12th July, cost £45 plus £10 for optional day trip. No previous knowledge of Irish required. From Preschool age to P7 and it will be held in Bunscoil Bheanna Boirche, Castlewellan. Download application from www.gloruachtartire.com. or Contact: 07501 252027

Sunday 30th June 2019

Parish Draw Winners Week 14

£100 Margaret McClenaghan 121

£50 Eugene Cull 461

£30 Alice Morgan 520

£20 Martin McDonald 241

Ballela G.A.C Lotto

Sun 16th June : 1 10 12 22

No £10 winner's Seller: Mick Doyle

Jackpot £2000

Ballela Community Group

We are organising a trip to the Ulster Aviation Society at the Maze on Sat 27th July where you can see an unique array of over 30 aircraft and observe restoration in progress in two historic WWII hangers. There will be a limited number of places available. Bus leaves Ballela school at 10am, there will be a charge for the bus for adults but children are free. Admission to exhibit is by donation. To book a place phone Patricia O'Rourke: 07712933854 or Paula Burns: 02840671772

Diocesan Summer Camps

Diocesan Summer Camps will take place at the YMCA, Newcastle on the following dates:

2nd to 5th July for 12 Year olds

9th to 13th July for 13 & 14 Year olds

15th to 19th July for 15 & 16 Year olds.

A residential experience with adventures out-door activities, great food, meet new people Tel 028 30833898 or email dromoreyd@btconnect.com

Messy Children's Liturgy

Messy Children's Liturgy will be running together with SeaPatrick Parish this summer on the following dates:

July 23rd (Parish Centre, St Therese's, Banbridge)

July 30th (All Saints' School, Ballela)

August 13th (All Saints' School, Ballela)

August 20th (Parish Centre, St Therese's, Banbridge)

Messy Children's Liturgy is open to all ages including children, parents and grandparents. Join us to explore characters from the Old Testament through different crafts, activities and fun. Each session will begin at 10am and finish around 11.30am with tea, coffee and chat. For more information see Jill or Michael Tel: 02840671401.

Do you need financial or practical assistance or even a friendly chat? The St Vincent De Paul Society is here to help. You can contact us through our Helpline Number: 07738838187