



JESUS SENDS OUT THE SEVENTY-TWO

(LUKE 10: 1-12, 17-20)

Luke presents today's Gospel in two parts. Firstly, Jesus commissions the 72 to go out into the villages to preach and teach. Secondly, they return from their mission full of the power of the Spirit, with great stories of their experiences.

Perhaps Jesus is beginning the process of preparing the church for a life without his physical presence amongst them, a life after his resurrection. So he sends them out with great haste, they don't need to pack! Jesus tells them not to take a purse, a bag or sandals and when they arrive into a village or house and are made welcome, stay there and eat what the people prepare. Bring the peace of Christ into every home, heal the sick and accept hospitality when it is given. There is a strong warning that is left out of today's Gospel reading. Jesus tells them that the nature of what they are about to do will bring moments of hostility and rejection and in many ways, sending the 72 out is like sending lambs to wolves! If people reject these brave missionaries, they reject the one who sent them, Jesus Christ. But, whatever trials the 72 must have faced on these dusty byroads, they return with stories of Jesus' power. "Lord even the demons submit to us in your name."

The work of preparing the church has begun and Jesus tells them that through their ministry, their names will be written in heaven. ■

SAY

"Sweetest Jesus,
Body and Blood most Holy,
be the delight and pleasure of
my soul,
my strength and salvation in all
temptations,
my joy and peace in every trial,
my light and guide in every
word and deed,
and my final protection in
death. Amen."

St Thomas Aquinas
(*The Aquinas Prayer Book*)

DO

The church must constantly be in appreciation of the missionary work that has gone before us. Take the opportunity this week to read about the missionary life of a lay person or religious. What inspiration can you gather from their stories?



LEARN

"Only the certainty that the Crucified Christ lives on as the Risen Christ, glorified by God, gives us the solution to the riddle of Jesus as a person and makes the Church possible and real."

(Fr Hans Küng)

REFLECT

In recent times I've had the pleasure of visiting two Benedictine Abbeys, Buckfast in Devon, England and Glenstal in Limerick, Ireland. The rhythm of prayer where monks and their visitors gather five times a day to pray with scripture texts and to celebrate the Eucharist is both appealing and consoling to be a part of. But one of the most striking prayers is the prayer for the missionary church. In other words, the prayer for the preachers and priests, the ministers, volunteers and workers in all capacities who work together to bring about the Kingdom of God on earth.

Prayer is indispensable to the missionary life of the church and if it were not for the prayers of other people, the work of the church would not get done. Prayer is the first element and Jesus includes poverty and simplicity in today's Gospel as essential elements of a missionary church.

A dear childhood friend of Pope John Paul II said that the key to his spiritual life was his poverty, his austerity. It marked him in Poland during his work and ministry and it continued during his many years in the Vatican. If we are to be credible in our preaching, we must live in a simple way. Only then

can our preaching and teaching become attractive or even believable! So in sending the 72 out into the villages without a bag or sandals, Jesus was not a sadist trying to inflict pain on his loyal following. It was a message to the world that a church borne out of prayer, simplicity and austerity has a lot to teach the world. The 72 returned and it is clear the venture to the villages has been a success. But we know that this great Commissioning did not stop with the 72. It was handed on to the wider church, to you and me, so that we too might preach the Gospel to all creation. ■

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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, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri : Liturgy of the word -
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 – No Mass

Ballela Anniversaries

Sun 7: None

Sun 14: None

Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 7: Dominic Downey

Annette Prentice (Months Mind)

Sun 14: Joe Downey

John & Josephine Gracey

Offertory Promise Collection £766.00

Readers - Dromore

Sun 14: Siobhan McArdle

Recently Baptised

Michael Joseph Hutchinson

Austin James Hamilton - McMahon

St Vincent de Paul Annual Outing

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.

Parish Office Holidays

Please note that the parish office will be closed from: Tues 9th July until Fri 19th July. If you ring the parish office and need a priest in an emergency please follow the instructions left on the answer machine. All notices must be in before Tues 9th July for insertion in that week's bulletin.

Blood Transfusion Service

Next blood donation session will be held in Cathedral Church Hall, Dromore on Wed 24th July 2pm -4pm & 5.15pm – 8pm.

Sunday 7th July 2019

Parish Draw Winners Week 15

£100	Willie Doyle	381
£50	Carmel Hillen	581
£30	Pamela Newell	223
£20	Bill O'Loughlin	067

Ballela G.A.C Lotto

Sun 23rd June : 1 2 5 24

£10 winner's: Daniel McGivern, Megan McGivern,
Paul Hutchinson & Lynn Burns

Seller: Sean Burns

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. Bus leaves Ballela school at 10am and it is filling fast only a few seats left, 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

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.

Pastoral Visits in Hospitals

Parishioners with relatives in hospital should inform the priest of the parish if they wish a pastoral visit for their sick relative. This is important, as priests visiting hospitals no longer have access to patient's lists.