

17 NOVEMBER 2019

# Sunday Message

33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year C • Season Colour: Green • Psalter Week 1



Christian mosaic in Hagia Sofia in Istanbul, Turkey

Luke has presented Jesus throughout the Gospel as a prophet. When he reports Jesus as teaching his disciples within the Temple precincts, we might think of the prophet Jeremiah, who found himself in a very vulnerable situation when he preached against the complacency of the people of Jerusalem and their disregard for their responsibilities under the covenant.

This had come about because of their belief that the Lord would never allow the Temple to fall into enemy hands: it did, and Jeremiah's prophetic word was vindicated. Jesus makes a similar prediction, then he goes on to talk about the events which will befall the people of Jerusalem before this takes place. The leaders of the people have rejected the Lord's prophet: now they themselves will be rejected.

Jesus is also speaking about the sufferings and trials of his disciples before the disaster takes place. The clash between the Jewish Christians and the Synagogue will result in persecution, but they should regard being hauled into court as an opportunity to bear witness to what they believe: when this happens, the risen Jesus will inspire them, so they should not rehearse what they will say in their defence. The divisions within families over whether Jesus is the Messiah will lead to disciples being denounced to the authorities by their relatives, but Jesus urges them to stand fast, saying, "your endurance will win you your lives". They can trust the prophetic word of Jesus: the reader of the Gospel knows that it came true in regard to the Temple; they can rely on it where their own future is concerned. ■

## LEARN

The Temple of Solomon was destroyed by the Babylonians in 587 BC, during the lifetime of the prophet Jeremiah.

The Temple begun by Herod the Great was destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD: it was never rebuilt.

With the destruction of the Temple, the Sadducees lost their power base and authority: the leadership of the nation passed to the synagogue and the Pharisees, who became known as the rabbis.

## SAY

**Let the sea and all within it, thunder!**  
(Psalm 97:7)

## DO

The Book of Genesis tells us that human beings are to look after and respect the garden, which represents the whole natural environment. See what you can do to put this responsibility into practice.



## REFLECT

**W**e are drawing near to the end of the church's year, and it is customary for the Gospel readings to be rather sombre, reflecting on the end of time. The theme is usually that of disasters on an apocalyptic scale. The focus for this teaching of Jesus is indeed normally the end of the world, but Luke has a different point of view. He places these events within human history: by the time he is writing his Gospel, these catastrophes have already happened, but

they will be repeated down through the ages. People will be persecuted for their beliefs: families will be divided, and there will be war and natural disasters.

In recent years, these calamities in our environment have become alarmingly frequent, due to what we term climate change. Insurance companies used to classify such occurrences as 'acts of God': we know now that God is not responsible, it is the fault of human beings who do

not respect the natural world, seeing it only as a resource to be exploited and plundered, with no responsibility to repair the damage done to the fabric of our planet. In this sense, we are bringing disaster upon ourselves, and, as usual, it is the poorest and most vulnerable who are bearing the brunt. Perhaps a mild dose of panic about the state of the world might be in order. ■

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### Thirty Third 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

#### Weekday Mass times: All Saints

Thurs: 7pm

#### Ballela Anniversaries

Sun 17: Margaret McAnarney & members of the  
McCann family Co Cavan

Thurs 21: William, Susan & Willie McAleenan

Sun 24: Mary McGrath  
Doran Family

#### Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 17: Patrick and Lucy Delaney  
Matthew, Margaret & Arthur Brown

Sun 24: Mairead Keery  
John & Kathleen Doherty

#### Offertory Promise Collection £669.65

#### Readers – Dromore

Sun 24: Michaela Zigashane

#### Recently Baptised

Madeleine Grace Carroll

Sean Eamonn O'Hare

#### Masses for those who died since Nov 2018

Will be held in both churches on **Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
Please inform the parish office of parishioners not  
buried in the parish to be included in this mass. The  
following is a list from our parish records of those  
who have died since Nov 2018: Kathleen McGregor,  
Mary Lavery, Philomena Walker, Patricia Poland,  
Kathleen Burns, Sean Darby, Catherine Timmons,  
Annette Prentice, Janina Ewa Szkaradek, Hugh  
Lavery, Martin McAteer, Peter Finegan & George  
Gorman.

#### Hospice Collection

Will be taken up in both churches on **Sun 17<sup>th</sup>  
November**. Please be as generous as you can.

Whist Will be held in St Colman's hall Dromore on  
**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Nov at 8.30pm**. Ladies to supply pastry:  
Rosaleen Mulholland & Dolores Downey.

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019

#### Parish Draw Winners Week 34

£100	Nicola McKnight	597
£50	Frances Hamilton	041
£30	Ann Kinkaid	526
£20	Aileen Gracey	170

#### Ballela G.A.C Lotto

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Nov: 1 11 19 21

£10 winner : Brian Burns

Seller: Anglers Rest Jackpot £2000

#### Festive Flower Arranging

Ballela Community group are having an evening of  
Festive Flower arranging on **Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.30pm**  
in Ballela school. Admission is £5 which includes  
mulled wine, shortbread and mince pies and also a  
free ticket for the raffle for a flower arrangement.  
Arrangements will be made by Donna Morgan and  
there will be lots of ideas for everyone to decorate  
their home this Christmas. Date for your diary –  
Christmas Coffee morning Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.

#### St Colman's P.S Dromore 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration

The Governors, staff and pupils of St. Colman's P.S.  
Dromore, wish to invite past pupils, parents, staff and  
the wider community to our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration, **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm -  
7.30pm**, In St. Colman's Primary School, Dromore.

#### Night of Music

The Irish Pilgrimage Trust is having a night of music in  
St Therese's Church Banbridge on **Sun 8<sup>th</sup> December  
at 7.30pm**. Singers are Malachi Cush, Liam Lawton &  
Karl McGuckin with special guests Fiona Flynn & Mary  
Queen of Peace Junior Choir. Tickets are £20 and can  
be purchased at Banbridge Parish office, Newry Parish  
office or by ringing 07855 802 011.

#### Songs of Praise

Dromore Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church  
Rampart Street Dromore, invites you to join them for  
Songs of Praise on **Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Nov at 3.00pm**.

#### Do This In Memory

Will take place in both churches on **Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Nov**.

#### Tea and Chat

There will be Tea and Chat in St Colman's hall on **Sun  
17<sup>th</sup> of November** after mass. Everyone welcome.

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