

Sunday Message

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

THE WORD

Year A - 2 July 2023 • Colours: Green • Pentecost Week 1



Stained Glass in the Basilica of Vysehrad in Prague, Czech Republic, depicting Jesus speaking to his disciples

Over the past few weeks in Matthew's Gospel, we have heard about the dangers and trials confronting the disciples as they seek to spread the Word of God in communities.

Understandably, there is an atmosphere of fear and trepidation amongst the group as they encounter opposition to their message and reluctance amongst people to hear the Word of God for what it really is. A lot of the relationships between the disciples and their families and society have been lost as they attempt to plot a new course of dialogue and prayer between God and his people.

Today's Gospel however, offers a welcome contrast for the disciples as Jesus offers them a glimpse of the fruits of their work as preachers and teachers. They will receive a prophet's reward. They will be welcomed into the homes of people just as Jesus Christ is welcomed. And those who offer them even the smallest cup of cold water to help them on their journey, will also receive a great reward. So we can sense at the very end of this chapter in Matthew's Gospel, that the trials which will most definitely come the disciples' way, will be counterbalanced by rewards that will have far greater impact. The disciples will be vulnerable like children but their future work will be dependent on trusting in God's power and presence in their lives. ■

REFLECT

Captain Charles Plumb was a fighter pilot for the US Navy during the Vietnam war. His now infamous story will be told for generations to come.



His plane was destroyed by a surface to air missile and he spent 6 years as a Prisoner of War in a Vietnamese prison. He survived this difficult time in his life and now spends his time lecturing students on what he learnt from the experience.

One night he was sitting in a restaurant with his wife and a man comes over to his table and says, 'You're Captain Plumb. You flew fighter jets in Vietnam and you were shot down.' 'How in the world did you know that?' said Plumb. 'I packed your parachute,' says the man, 'and I guess it worked.' Plumb replied, 'It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today.'

When Charles Plumb tells this story to an audience, he always asks the question, 'Who's packing your parachute?' In other words, who are the people in your life that support you? Do you thank them for all they do for you? Do you even recognise who these people are? When Charles Plumb was on board the Navy ship, Pilots never spoke to the Parachute Packers. How many times had he passed him by on the ship and never said hello or thank you for the work he was doing?

Sometimes we lose sight of the people who provide us with the spiritual, emotional and physical support that helps us live our lives. Jesus opens the eyes of the disciples today to show them that God's support and love will always be a part of their lives and their mission. ■

LEARN

'If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough.' (Meister Eckhart)

DO

Think of one person in your life whose support you value and take the time this week to say thank you.

SAY

Teach me your ways, O LORD; make them known to me. Teach me to live according to your truth, for you are my God, who saves me. I always trust in you. (Psalm 119)

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2nd July 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend masses

Sat 6:00pm Dechomet
7:30pm Leitrim
Sun 9:00am Gargory
11:00am Dromara

Masses this week

Mon 9:00am Leitrim & 7:30pm Dechomet
Tues 10:00am Dromara
Wed 7:30pm Leitrim

The next of the **Five Consecutive First Saturday of the Month Devotions** will continue directly after 6pm Mass in Dechomet on **Sat 1st July** with a 15-minute meditation and the Rosary. Confessions can be availed of within 20 days.

Sick and Housebound will be attended this week.

I will be away on holiday 6th Jul until 26th Jul.
For emergency sick calls or deaths please try
Fr Brian Brown on 074 9673 1619 or 028 97562410

Anniversaries can be booked by email, leaving a message (and phone number) on the phone or a note through the letterbox whilst I am away.

Recently Deceased

Geraldine McKee (nee Dixon), Carryduff

ANNIVERSARIES

DECHOMET

Sat 1st Bernard, Margaret & Patrick Doyle

LEITRIM

Sat 1st Sarah Lennon
Mary, James & Hugh Murray
Kathleen O'Hare; Michael O'Hare
Tony, Eamon & Francis Clarke

Wed 5th Brendan Ward and Deceased Family Members

DROMARA

Sun 2nd **Fr Clement McManus (MM)**
Joe & Liz Gordon
Margaret Marmion and
Deceased Family Members
Sun 9th Bernard Rice (Dree)
Kevin Doyle

Leitrim Cleaners Fri 7th – Bridie's Team

Collections Dromara Drumgooland

Parish	£673	£810
Youth Ministry	£265	£504
Holy Rosary Sisters	£277	£901

The Holy Rosary Sisters thank you all for your response to their appeal and wonderful generosity. Their prayers are for your intentions.

We welcome into Dromara Parish
Evie Grace Burns

Wee James' Tractor Run Sun 9th Jul
The Mill, 50 Leitrim Road, BT31 9BD

Registration Open 12-12:30pm

Run Starts at 3:30pm. £20 per Tractor
For Sponsorship Opportunities contact

weejames.tractorrund@outlook.com

All proceeds in aid of SVP / PIPS / MYMY

Grandparents Pilgrimage at

Knock Shrine Sun 23rd July

www.knockshrine.ie / 00353 94 9388100

Cairn Sunday 6th August

Walk from Peter Morgan's Cottage, Dree Hill Rd., Slieve Croob, return by Pass Loanan.

7mls/11 km approx. 2 - 2½ hrs.

Road, track, some wet ground. boots recommended. No dogs.

Meet at the Cottage at 9am.

Walk begins 9 30am.

Refreshments on return at the cottage.

Queries contact 97.532.479

Donations: Slieve Croob First Responders

Lourdes 59 Club winners

25th Mar No. 28 Patricia McKay; 1st April No. 49 No winner; 8th April No. 17 Rooney Family; 15th April No. 29 LK & ED Burrows; 22nd April No. 46 Christine McCartan; 29th April No. 59 No winner; 6th May No. 7 Owen Kelly; 13th May No. 28 Patricia McKay; 20th May No. 20 S & M McEvoy; 27th May No. 54 Hugh Morgan; 3rd Jun No. 17 Rooney Family; 10th Jun No. 3 No winner; 17th Jun No. 21 Kieran McEvoy

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