



focus on sunday

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4th July 2021

Jesus comes among us as one like us - his own people were surprised at his goodness and his powers. He comes among us today in the ordinarieness of his people, in their needs and in their love.



Jesus is having a bit of trouble as he continues his ministry. He has had public praise for his healings and indeed his teaching, even in places he was well known. Now the opposition is beginning, and it would continue for the next months until his death in Jerusalem. His own people were gradually turning

against him.

He was so ordinary. They knew he 'was one of their own'. A sure way of putting someone down! They could not imagine where he got the wisdom and could do the miracles that nobody else could do. They knew his family and they too were very ordinary.

It then went further. They could not accept him. Whatever happened Jesus felt despised. It is hard to be despised in your own hometown or school or family. In today's world many people are despised and abused because they are followers of Jesus. He still wanted to help them be compassionate to them, so 'he cured few people', maybe the few who did accept him.

His mission was to heal and teach, and their non-acceptance would not stop him. He would move on to other towns and villages, often to be despised in them also. Our own acceptance and welcome of his message and love in our lives will lead to great meaning and joy.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger.

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Some people didn't like Jesus because he was good and fair.

Sometimes we don't like others because we think they have gifts that we haven't got. Jesus had gifts of friendliness and making people feel good that others didn't have. We always have to ask God to help us to praise others for their gifts, then we begin to see all the gifts that we have ourselves.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation dedicated to your name purify us, O Lord, and day by day bring our conduct closer to the life of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God,

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, having been replenished by such great gifts, we may gain the prize of salvation and never cease to praise you. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

May the God of all consolation order your days in his peace and grant you the gifts of his blessing. **Amen.**

May he free you always from every distress and confirm your hearts in his love. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. **Thanks be to God.**

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen..**

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Ezekiel 2: 2 - 5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to

say, 'The Lord says this.'

Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 122

R. Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. **(R)**
2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of her mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he show us his mercy. **(R)**
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. **(R)**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12 :7 - 10

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness'. So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 6. 1 - 6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters,

too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, All bow for following three lines:

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters.....

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands

for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.



Sunday Masses:

SS John & Paul (Webcam): Friday 7pm;
Saturday 6:30 pm; Sunday 10 am and 12:15 pm
Mary Immaculate Church - Saturday 12 noon;
Sunday 9 am and 11 am

Weekday Masses:

10 am Mon-Fri Mary Immaculate
7 pm Thursday SS John & Paul Church (Webcam)

SHANNON PARISH NEWSLETTER

Parish Office: 4, Dún na Ri, Shannon
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Tuesdays & Wednesdays: 9.30am - 12.30pm
(lunch 12.30pm-1.30pm) 1.30pm - 5.30pm
Thursdays: 9.00am - 1.00pm

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Parish App



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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sympathies: Sympathies and prayers to the family of Bridget Treacy, Oakwood Arms Hotel and Waterford who was cremated this week.

Month's Mind Mass: Carmel Fitzgibbon.

Anniversaries:

Canon Bernard Canning (1st Anniversary), Kerry Kissane O'Donnell, Mark Mullin, Gerry Ginnane, Jimmy Lavelle, Sheila McGirl, Seamus, George and Eileen Clune, Liam White, Ger O'Regan

Government Directive Cancelling Confirmations

It's with regret we inform our Confirmation families, teachers, and schools that the Department of the Taoiseach have confirmed to Bishop Fintan that Confirmations are cancelled at this time. The directive can be viewed on www.gov.ie

In the name of public safety the parish has to comply. We hope we will be in a better position before Summer ends to celebrate Confirmation. We recognise many are annoyed and upset at this directive from the government at relatively short notice, given your support and preparation to your parish, school and family. At the same time, you have and continue to be responsible, and we will celebrate your Confirmation as soon as we get the go ahead.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Sunday in Mary Immaculate Church from 12noon-6pm and 2-6pm in SS John and Paul Church.



With the current safety protocols in place adoration is for private prayer only. All are welcome to visit our Church's.

Mass and Baptismal Bookings:

If you are intending to book a Mass or a baptism we would ask you book through the Parish Office. This enables us to ensure all Masses and Baptisms are scheduled. You can book by emailing office@shannonparish.ie or calling 363243.

Parish Collections:

We thank you for your great support to the parish on a weekly basis. The parish collection last Sunday was €1,868.

The Priests' Summer Collection: The Priests summer collection will be held on the weekend of July 2-4th. Envelopes will be distributed to homes and available from the Church's and Parish Office. We have an added QR facility on the envelope where you can use your smartphone to scan the QR Code and donate from your phone. We thank you for your tremendous support, especially during the Pandemic.

Religious Gifts: For all occasions, including Confirmation and First Communion are available from the Parish Office. If there is a particular religious item you are looking for we will source it for you.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:

Please collect your new roster in the Church sacristy and thank you for your great ministry.



Killaloe Diocesan Appointments Summer 2021

Appointments to take effect from Friday 6th of August, apart from where stated.

Fr Ger Nash, Diocesan Secretary, Director of Pastoral Planning to become bishop of Ferns.

Brendan Moloney, Co-PP, Odhrán Pastoral Area, resident in Silvermines to retire as Co-PP and VF (Vicar Forane) but remaining in Odhrán Pastoral Area and Silvermines as AP (Assisting Priest).

John Bane, Co-PP, Ceantar na Lochanna Pastoral Area, resident in Broadford to retire to Ennis.

Joe Kennedy, Co-PP, Olatrim Pastoral Area, resident in Monegal, Dunkerrin Parish to retire as Co-PP and to remain on as AP.

Peter O'Loughlin, Co-PP, Inis Cathaigh Pastoral Area, resident in Kilmihiel to retire as Co-PP and to remain on as AP.

Pat O'Neill, Co-PP, Imeall Bóirne Pastoral Area, resident in Ruan to retire as Co-PP but staying on as AP in Ruan and in Imeall Bóirne Pastoral Area.

Pat Gilbert, to retire from St Brendan's Community College & to undertake a sabbatical with a view to returning to pastoral ministry in the diocese in 2022.

Des Hillery, Co-PP, VG to become VF of Odhrán Pastoral Area for a period of one year. In addition to duties in Nenagh and the pastoral area to take on parish responsibility for Portroe.

Rexon Chullickal, CC, Odhrán Pastoral Area, resident in Nenagh in addition to duties in Nenagh and the pastoral area to take on parish responsibility for Youghalarra.

Ger Jones, Co-PP, Odhrán Pastoral Area, resident in Portroe to be Diocesan Secretary and Co-PP, Abbey Pastoral Area and resident in Cloughleigh.

Damien Nolan, Co-PP, VF to be PP of the Imeall Bóirne Pastoral Area.

Martin Blake, Co PP, Críocha Callan Pastoral Area, resident in Kilmaley Parish to undertake a sabbatical

with a view to returning to pastoral ministry in the diocese in 2022.

Tom Fitzpatrick, Co-PP, Tradaree Pastoral Area, Resident in Newmarket-on-Fergus to be Co-PP, Abbey Pastoral Area and resident in Doora-Barefield Parish. (Appointment effective October 1st, 2021)

Michael Collins, Director of Formation, Maynooth to be Co-PP, Tradaree Pastoral Area, resident in Newmarket-on-Fergus and to be director of Pastoral Planning for the Diocese. (Appointment to take effect from October 1st, 2021)

David Carroll, Co-PP, VF, Inis Cealtra Pastoral Area, resident in Bodyke to be Co-PP of the Abbey Pastoral Area, resident in St Joseph's, Ennis.

John McGovern, Co-PP, Abbey Pastoral Area, resident in St. Joseph's, Ennis to be Co-PP, Críocha Callan Pastoral Area, resident in Kilmaley Parish.

Joe McMahon, Co-PP, Inis Cealtra, resident in Scarriff to be VF of the Inis Cealtra Pastoral Area.

Dariusz Plasek, Co-PP, Abbey Pastoral Area, resident in Ennis to be Co-PP, Inis Cealtra Pastoral Area and resident in Bodyke.

Pat Deely, Redwood, Lorrha, to assist in Cois Deirge.

James Michael, Tradaree Pastoral Area, resident in Shannon to be CC, in the Pastoral Area of Tradaree, continuing to reside in Shannon. Both James Michael CC and Francis Xavier Kochuveetil CC, along with duties in Shannon to assist in the pastoral area to give Michael Collins in Newmarket-on-Fergus scope for pastoral planning and to help also in Sixmilebridge.

Pastoral Area 6 (Tradaree)

Newmarket-on-Fergus, Shannon, Sixmilebridge 2 Co-PP's, 2 CC's + 2 semi-retired. Arnold Rosney PP, Michael Collins PP, Francis Xavier Kochuveetil CC, James Michael CC, (Harry Bohan, Brendan O'Donoghue). Vicar Forane - Arnold Rosney PP VF.

For further detail see notices on the Parish Website.

✠ Fintan, Bishop of Killaloe, 30 June 2021