

Ossory Vocations Promotion #33

“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.”

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Small Towns and Big Ideas

Today’s story of Jesus visiting Nazareth is well known and probably well related to for many people. You can imagine the scene of a young man returning to his family, friends, those whom he grew up with, played with as a child and worked for. A young man arriving home to tell the people down the local about his travels, how well he is doing, how much he has changed and so on. And the response is still the same: ‘Who does that fella think he is?’ ‘Oh so you are an idealist now?’

Jesus is having such an experience in today’s Gospel as the people of his hometown simply won’t accept him. He may have achieved wonderful things, only last week we heard of the miracles he worked. But the time has come to return to the home country and to teach there. People simply do not see him in the same way.

We can sympathise with Jesus in this story, or perhaps recognise ourselves in those who refuse to accept that the local carpenter is now calling himself the Son of God. The people question him and his authority.

The Nazarenes are unable to see God working through someone who they know well. He is unable to be a prophet in his own country. Jesus can’t work miracles there because miracles require faith.

How many times has Jesus come to us in the form of someone we knew well but we could not see him?

C. S. Lewis wrote ...

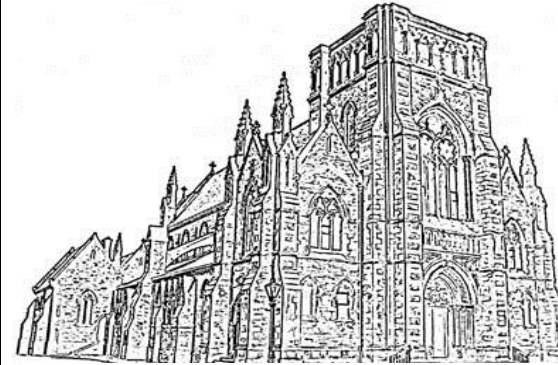
... that we live in a society that has replaced “I believe,” with “I feel.”

We live in a society where personal values has replaced objective morality. When a prophet comes, a prophet being someone who proclaims the truth, society looks to discredit the prophet.

We should realize that if Jesus Christ were walking the earth right now, once more teaching in the synagogues as well as in His own churches, He would be crucified again, most likely through slander, but possibly even with nails.

Let’s face it, the leaders of the Temple had Jesus crucified because it kept them from running around with their hands to their ears and screaming, “La la la la la,” so they did not have to hear what He was saying.

ST JOHN’S PARISH – KILKENNY



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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8thst July 2012

Cemetery Masses Celebrated Inside

Although the weather forced the Cemetery Masses in Dunmore and Johnswell on Friday evening to be celebrated inside, there was a very creditable turnout at each venue. We acknowledge with much appreciation all the work carried out by the FÁS workers and by all the family members that tended the graves of their loved ones. We also thank all those who prepared the Mass celebrations and those who actively participated in the Masses by exercising their various ministries.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, Clonmacnois, Thursday 9th – Sunday 12th August.

For young people aged between 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet new friends.

This Festival has been nicknamed the “Holy Oxygen” with over 1000 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from around the country. Information, contact (01) 6753690.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

July collection for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul will take place on Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th July. Thank you for your continued support.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Teresa Howe, Shellumsrath.
Paddy Sinnott, Kennyswell Road.
Bernie Morrissey, Late of Maudlin St, & Ballybough St.
Bridget Kavanagh, 64 Bishop Birch Place.
Sr Mairéad Murphy, Presentation Sister, Newpark Close.
Funeral Mass in St John’s Sun 12 noon, to S. Kieran’s Cem.
Larry Glennon, Lord Edward St. *Prayers at 6.30pm in
Hehirs this Sun. Removal to St Canice’s. Funeral Mass Mon
11.00am. Interment in St Kieran’s Cemetery.*

Month’s Minds: Mary O’Driscoll (Sat 6.30pm)
Eugene Redmond (Sun 10.30am)

Anniversaries: John Dowling (Sun 10.00am); Edward O’Dwyer (Sun 12 noon); Kieran Fanning (Sun 7.30pm); Jim & Ken Foley; Bridget Ward; Bridie Walsh; Michael Wall; Edward Kennedy; Alice Gallagher; Nicholas Kavanagh; Mary Bowe; Mary Fry; Lily Purcell; Nicholas Kavanagh.

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Weekend – Panel 2

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8.00am	Nora Webster
10.30am	Mary Hanafin & Seamus Mahony
12.00 noon	Anne Marie Walsh
7.30pm	Eileen Kinane
Johnswell 10.00am	Robert Butler
Dunmore 11.00am	Pierce Lennon & Liam Maddock

O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers: 9, 11, 23, 24. Bonus No. 17. Jackpot Winner: €16,000.
No Bonus Winner. Next week’s prize fund €20,000.

Divine Mercy – Adoration in the Friary Church this Sun from 3pm to 4pm.

Jesus Is Amazed At The Lack Of Faith

Mark 6:1-6

The story reminds us of how personal prejudices and agendas can block us from listening to the content of what another person has to say, no matter how relevant or wise it is. Perhaps you have experienced this.
What difference has it made to you when you were able to focus on the content of what was being said and leave to one side your own prejudices about the speaker? It has been said that there is nothing as useless as the right advice at the wrong time. We may want to reach out to another, but may be unable to make a useful contribution because at that moment the other person is not ready to be helped. Like Jesus we can ‘do no deed of power’.
As Jesus had to be patient and wait for another opportunity so do we. What have you learned about the importance of patience in working with other people? The topic of religion can easily bring up prejudices, leading some to dismiss religion as superstition, old hat, or based on an out-dated world view. Even among believers, prejudice can make it hard for individuals to listen to an alternative way of looking at things, to consider a different way of celebrating liturgy, or to live at peace with difference. Yet a closed mind can lead to a stagnant faith.
When have you found that a willingness to consider a different perspective led to a deepening and strengthening of your faith?

Anger

Q: Is it always a sin to be angry? I get angry at politicians, tribunals, referees, you name it.

A: According to the Gospel, there were times when Jesus got angry, for instance at the misuse of the temple.
Anger in itself is not sinful as it is the correct response to what we see to be wrong, unjust or hurtful. It gives us the determination and energy to correct what is wrong. Good use of anger is constructive.
But as we know only too well, anger easily becomes destructive and then it is veering towards being sinful.

Pilgrimage to Lough Derg

Pilgrimage to Lough Derg from Sunday 22nd July to Tuesday 24th July. Book before July 20th. Coach departs Kilkenny, the Parade at 7.00am. For more information contact 056 4441264 & 087 2535989 or denis@buggy.ie.

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