

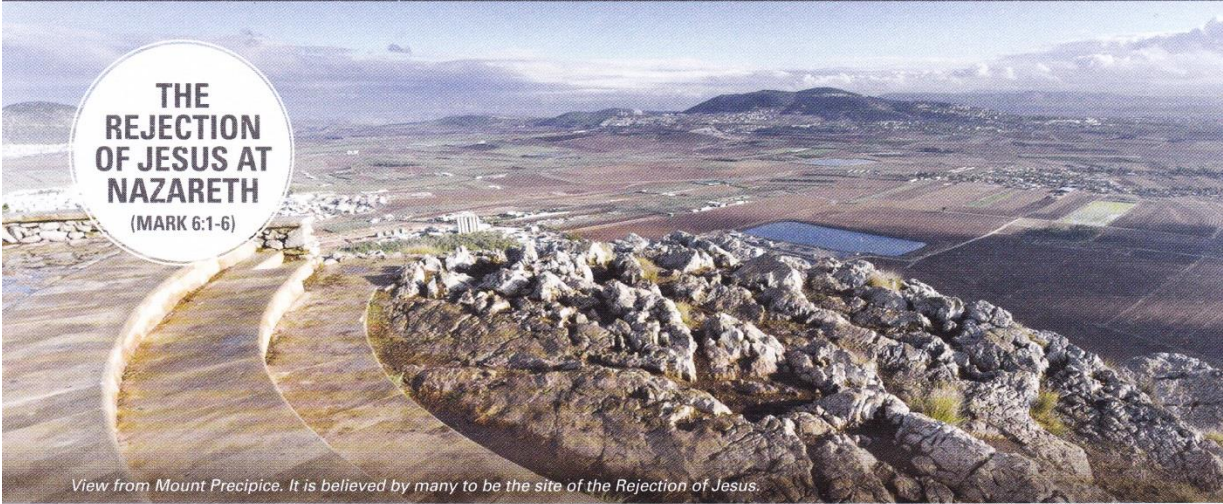
8TH JULY 2018

Sunday Message

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year B • Season Colour: Green • Psalter Week 2



THE REJECTION OF JESUS AT NAZARETH
(MARK 6:1-6)

View from Mount Precipice. It is believed by many to be the site of the Rejection of Jesus.

What a contrast we are presented with today, when compared with the theme of last week's Gospel.

You might remember the scene of Jesus healing Jairus' daughter and the haemorrhaging woman. The characters in the story are marked by their belief and trust in Jesus. As a result of such great acts of healing, crowds will follow Jesus around the countryside and in particular Capernaum. There is something special about this man Jesus. But as soon as he arrives into Nazareth, his home town, he is rejected and laughed at. There is a sceptical inquisitiveness present in today's Gospel story. Who is this man? Where did he get such wisdom? He is just a carpenter's son surely? Sure we know his mother and sisters! Jesus is rejected many times in the Gospels but being rejected by his own family must have been hurtful. "A prophet is only despised among his own relations and in his own house," says Jesus.

With this revelation in mind, it is worth noting that the scene that follows this is Jesus sending out the Twelve in twos, telling them to leave everything behind. It is perhaps Jesus' experience with his own family and friends in Nazareth that inspires a mission that will involve turning one's back on what is familiar and moving away from one's home to preach the Word of God to the world. ■

REFLECT

Being rejected by work colleagues, peers or family can be difficult to accept. The world is full of stories of rejection. The writer J.K. Rowling was once sacked from her job as a secretary for being a day dreamer, and was then rejected by 12 publishers after writing *Harry Potter*. Oprah Winfrey was fired from her job as a reporter and told she was unfit for TV. Michael Jordan lost his place on his high school basketball team for a 'lack of skill', and Walt Disney was sacked by a newspaper for lacking imagination and having no good ideas. The common thread between all of these, of course, is that they dusted themselves down and carried on regardless.

We cannot say that Jesus' desire was to become world famous or a multi-millionaire like our superstars above. But Jesus had a singular goal and that was to make the God of love and mercy known to the whole world. The task in itself is ambitious but not flawed. He creates a faithful group of followers around him who will know good times and bad. They will see the face of God in the signs and works of Jesus. But they will also experience rejection and disdain from those who fail to understand. Rejection is the theme that emerges regularly during Jesus' mission. His response is to carry on with the support of his true followers, his true friends. After today's difficult experience in his home town of Nazareth, Jesus and his disciples will go out to the whole world and preach the Good News. ■

SAY

"Stay where you are – find your own Calcutta. Find the sick, the suffering, the lonely, right there where you are – in your own homes and in your own families, in your workplaces and schools."

(St Teresa of Calcutta)

DO

Think of a way you can preach the Word of God this week through an action or good deed for someone else.



LEARN

"Whoever wants to preach must be the first to let the Word of God move them deeply and become incarnate in their daily lives."

(*Evangelii Gaudium*)

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 7th	6.30pm	Swinford: Joan Chapman & dec'd Chapman & Kelly Families Pat & Margaret Gallagher & daughter Marie, Culmore & Jim, Anne & Séamus Gallagher, Chicago
Sunday 8th	12 noon	Swinford: Mary Foley (1 st anniv) & husband Paddy & son Patrick & dec'd Foley & McManus Families Catherine Burke & dec'd Burke & O'Shea Families
Monday 9th	10.00am	Swinford: Frank & Annie Brennan, Cullane
Tuesday 10th	10.00am	Swinford: No Intention
Wednesday 11th	10.00am	Swinford: No Intention
Thursday 12th	10.00am	Swinford: Michael, Eileen, Anthony & Ellen McDonnell, Rathscalon Michael & Linda Durkan, Culmore & dec'd Durkan & Stenson Families
Friday 13th	10.00am	Swinford: No Intention
Saturday 14th	10.00am	Swinford: Lena McGuinness, London/Cavan (MM)

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 14th	6.30pm	Swinford: Patrick & Mary Haran & dec'd Family, Curryane Tom & Kitty Durkan, Derryronane & dec'd Durkan & Philbin Families & Laurence Groarke
Sunday 15th	12 noon	Swinford: Pat & Nora Ginty, Cloonlumney Martin James, Bridie & Philip Cassidy & Kathleen Finn

Sunday 8th	9.00am	Meelick: Patrick & Marguerite Sweeney Paddy & Kathleen McDonagh & son Tim, Laughtadurkin
Sunday 15th	9.00am	Meelick: No Intention

Sunday 8th	10.30am	Midfield: Patrick & Julia Lavin & daughter Margaret & dec'd Family, Cashelbarnagh Margaret & Michael Gallagher & son Jim & daughters Sadie & Catherine & dec'd Family, Cultrasna
Sunday 15th	10.30am	Midfield: No Intention

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Swinford Church: Sundays: 2pm-6pm & Thursdays 10.30am-8pm

Midfield Church: Mondays 11am-12noon

Meelick Church: Mondays 7pm-9pm

Please pray for Rose Kelly, Oak Drive and Vincent Mulligan, late of Market St, who died in London. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

We welcome into the Christian community

Daniel Thomas Bardwell, Bollingbrook Drive who was baptised recently in Midfield Church.

Golden Jubilee: On Saturday, July 21st, Monsignor Tom McHugh will celebrate Mass in Meelick Church at 3p.m. to mark the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. Refreshments will be served afterwards in Meelick Community Centre. All are welcome.

Cemetery Masses: Mass will be celebrated in Meelick Cemetery on Sunday, August 5th at 9a.m. (weather permitting), in Kilconduff Cemetery on Monday, August 6th at 6.30p.m. (weather permitting) and in Midfield Cemetery on Wednesday, August 15th at 7p.m. (weather permitting).

Launch of 'Knock Prayer Book': All are invited to the launch of Fr Richard Gibbons' 'Knock Prayer Book' on Saturday 14th July at 1.30pm in St John's Rest & Care Centre, Knock Shrine. The book is collection of prayers inspired by Knock and what it means to all the pilgrims, visitors, volunteers and parishioners that make up its story. The prayers range from Novena prayers to Our Lady of Knock to prayers for workers, families, hospitality, healing, nature and even dogs! Archbishop Michael Neary will officially launch the book. All are welcome.

Swinford Tidy Towns – Monday Meitheal:

Volunteers needed on Monday evening July 9th to continue to tidy up the planted bank on Kiltimagh Road (near the junction with Park Road) and make a start on the Park Road weeds. Meet at the Kiltimagh Rd/ Park Rd junction at 7pm.

Swinford Gardening Club: Day trip to Sligo on Saturday 14th July. The bus will leave Swinford at 9am. The trip will include a visit to Tubbercurry Flower Festival, a tour of Lissadell House and Gardens, a visit to a secret garden, a garden centre and Sligo shopping centre. Dinner is included on the way home. Cost: €60 Please contact Angela 087-6520311.

Bofield Céilí band: The ever popular Seisiun with Bofield Céilí band returns to Fr. Peyton centre Attymass on Thursday 19th July and runs every Thursday to end of August.

GAA 50/50: This week's draw was held in the Gateway Hotel and Gearoid Brady of Fraun Hill won €606. Next draw is on the 10th July.

Swinford GAA Club: Meeting on Friday 13th July at 7pm in the Gateway Hotel. All welcome.

Swinford Community Lotto: Results for 2nd July Numbers: 13 14 21 29; €70 Local Shopping Voucher Winners: Una Dunleavey, C/O Sheepwalk; Mary McGawley, Castlebar, C/O Tara Café; 3 Number Winners: No Winners Jackpot €3,400; Next Draw on Monday 9th July

Killasser Group Water Scheme Committee urgently request all members of the Scheme to conserve water as much as possible. There is a danger of outages as the reservoir is under pressure. The Committee apologise for any inconvenience and are endeavoring to keep members supplied but need everyone's cooperation.

Scoil Cheoil Siamsa Sraide 2018: Summer workshops- music and singing. July 30th to August 3rd. Classes will be held in Swinford NS. Tin Whistle, Flute, Fiddle, Banjo, Bodhrán, Concertina, Button Accordion, Singing. One hour Classes between 4pm and 6pm Mon-Fri (times to be allocated). Fee for week €25 per student (€40 for 2 children/2 instruments) If help or advice needed re rent of instruments please contact us immediately on 087-7454032.

Siamsa Sráide Workshops: Uileann Pipe Classes Mon 30th July 2-4pm for Beginners, over 10's. Uileann Pipe Master Classes commence Mon 30th July 6-8pm. All classes are in Scoil Muire & Teresa. Instructor is Jerry O'Sullivan, New York. All classes are free of charge & pipes are supplied.

Creative Dance Classes start 30th July in Scoil Muire agus Teresa at 10am for 1 week. Free of charge. Contact Bríd on 086-8059172 for more information on all classes taking place.

Table Quiz: will be held in Bolands Pub on Friday 20th July in support of Siamsa Sraide. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Swinford Golf/Soccer 250 Draw: Draw no 16 €1000 was won by Kathleen Benson, Kilkelly Road; €300 was won by Carmel Kilroe, Market Street; €200 was won by Neil Ryan, renbrack, Foxford. There are two draws every month for 12 months. All results available on the Golf & Soccer websites.