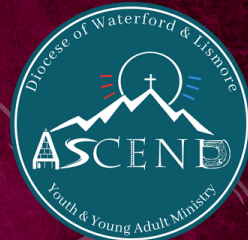




To the Heights



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Mass Readings



Hear Click the Bible image for this week's readings if you don't have a Bible handy!

First Reading:

1 Kings 9:16, 19-21

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 15 (16): 1-2, 5, 7-11

Second Reading:

Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Gospel:

Luke 9:51-62

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"No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

Game Changers

The Catholic Church's Liturgical Calendar is crammed full of inspirational saints and heroes, or as we like to call them, **Game Changers!** Check them out on our web page!

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| 27 June | St Cyril of Alexandria |
| 28 June | St Irenaeus |
| 29 June | Ss Peter and Paul |
| 30 June | The First Martyrs of Rome |
| 1 July | St Oliver Plunkett |



Reflect



1. Where was Jesus on His way to?
2. Where did He meet with opposition on this journey?
3. What was the reaction of James and John?
4. How many men did Jesus meet on the road?
5. What was His first response?
6. What was His response to the man who wanted to bury His father first?
7. What was His response to the third man?
8. What do you think Jesus was communicating about discipleship and priorities?

CHECK IT OUT: GLENCOMERAGH HOUSE RETREAT CENTRE



Holy Family Mission is based in the idyllic and stunningly beautiful setting of Glencomeragh, Co. Waterford. The retreat house facilities are available to groups and individuals who wish to use them. The guest house and architecturally renowned hermitages are also available to book for times of personal retreat. There are also a number of guided retreat options at Glencomeragh House throughout the year, and they can be viewed at www.holyfamilymission.ie



"All are born as originals, but many die as photocopies."
Bl. Carlo Acutis

WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW JESUS

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TUNE OF THE WEEK

Everything

TIM HUGHES



WEEKLY CHALLENGE:

Follow Fr Mike's 3-Question checklist this week, to see where God actually is on your priority list. Choose one area to really work on, remembering to ask for His Grace to help you first!

Check out our weekly resource pack on pg 3-4!

WATCH



Is God in the centre of your life? (Fr Mike)



Young Person's Prayer



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IRISH MARTYR.
ST OLIVER PLUNKETT



WHAT'S ON

Good News Faith Camp, Tramore:

Catholic Summer Camp for Primary School Children: Music, Action Songs, Arts & Crafts, Games, Prayer and a whole lot of fun! July 4 - 7 in Glór na Mara NS. More info on www.tramoreparish.ie

St Declan's Summer Camp, Ardmore:

Catholic Summer Camp for Primary School Children: Music, Action Songs, Arts & Crafts, Games, Prayer and a whole lot of fun! July 18 - 21 in St Declan's NS. More info on <https://www.holyfamilymission.ie/campa-mhuire-mhathair/>

Queen of Peace Retreats:

4-day Medjugorje-style retreat at Glencomeragh Retreat Centre. Thurs 21-Sun 24 July / Thurs 18-Sun 21 Aug / Thurs 1-Sun 4 Sept. Cost €260. For more info or to book contact info@holyfamilymission.ie or (052) 6133181

Youth 2000 Summer Festival:

Ireland's largest Catholic gathering for young people aged 16-35. August 11-14. Donation only. More info on www.youth2000.ie

Puzzled?

FIND THE FOLLOWING WORDS RELATED TO THE READING IN THE WORD SEARCH. CHECK IF YOU KNOW HOW THEY LINK TO THE STORY!

birds
bury
dead
father
fire
follow
foxes
goodbye
heaven
James
Jerusalem
John
kingdom of God
messengers
nests
plough
rebuked
Samaritan
Son of Man
village

H I J S P X W Z L B Q T G F A J H V N G
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M E E F N P O V L G F G H B I N H O Y I
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N N B V D D M A J W J V N U N K O G K M
N P Y W I H V O J W T R G X Y C K O O O
V W Z I L H O U V S N F H Z R L P D O D
G Y I P B R G F K E V L N M Z C H L J H

Pick one line from the reading to reflect on this week!





"ALL ARE BORN AS ORIGINALS, BUT
MANY DIE AS PHOTOCOPIES."
BL CARLO ACUTIS

First Fruits



ICEBREAKER



Would you rather?

1. Would you rather have telekinesis (the ability to move things with your mind) or telepathy (the ability to read minds)?
2. Would you rather find true love today or win the lottery next year?
3. Would you rather never be able to go out during the day or never be able to go out at night?
4. Would you rather have a personal maid or a personal chef?

Every choice we make means saying no to something else.

WATCH THIS VIDEO FROM FR MIKE SCHMITZ (IS GOD IN THE CENTRE OF YOUR LIFE?) AND REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW:



What question did Fr Mike ask a friend of his?

How do we know if God is first in our lives, if he's the centre of our lives? Fr Mike suggests looking at three areas and asking if God is first in these areas. What are they?

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____



Going back to biblical times, what do people want to give God? F _____ f _____



First, ask yourself the question: "Do I give God the _____?"

How does that impact how I schedule my day?

Why was *priority* always a single word?

The second thing is the first fruits of my _____. How can I check this?



What question can I ask myself about my spending habits?

The third question to ask myself is what do I _____, what am I _____ my mind by?

Give some examples of what Fr Mike means by this:



FIRST FRUITS

LUKE 9:51-62

St Paul's advice is: "Be _____ by the renewal of your mind. Do not _____ yourself to this present world."

If I just watch and listen to whatever everyone else watches and listens to, what will happen?



St Paul also reminds us: "Whatever is _____, whatever is _____, whatever is _____, whatever is _____, think about those things."

What if I can't answer yes to the three habits Fr Mike mentions?

START



Now Read Luke 9:51-62



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MISSION!

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PRAYER TIME!

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CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO AS YOU REFLECT ON PRIORITISING GOD



- Tim Hughes: Everything
- Kathryn Scott: Jesus be the centre
- Chris Tomlin: I will follow
- Darlene Zschech: Jesus at the Centre
- Rend Collective: My Lighthouse
- Rend Collective: True North
- Matthew West: The Motions
- Hillsong: Christ is Enough