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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading:

Habbakuk 1:2-3, 2:204

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 94 (95): 1-2, 6-9

Second Reading:

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel:

Luke 17: 5-10

"If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you."



The Mulberry Tree, Vincent van Gogh, Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

Hear

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries, you can find this week's readings online [here](#).

Check out [this video](#) on the Gospel for children.

Pray

In the Gospel today we hear Jesus challenge his listeners to reflect on what faith means and can do.

- What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this piece of Scripture? How do these words resonate with you personally?
- Do you believe God can do great things for you? That He can work miracles in your life?
- Do you believe that God can do great things through you - in the lives of other people?
- Do you often fall into the temptation of working off your own strength, rather than thanking God for His grace at work in your life?
- This week, pray especially to have the grace to serve God as and when He calls you.

Talk

In today's readings we hear Jesus's parable teaching us about the link between faith and service.

- Have you ever won a medal or a prize for something? What does it feel like to be praised and celebrated?
- Have you ever done a random act of kindness for someone secretly - what did that feel like?
- What kind of things does each member of the family do that make a big difference to someone else in the family? Spend some time thinking about all the little way
- Jesus wants us to help build up the Kingdom of God - one way we can do that is to serve others and not look for praise or reward: it's not easy, but through His grace we can do it!

Family Challenge!

Make a commitment as a family to performing Random Acts of Kindness for others in your family, or at work, or at school. Try to perform these kindnesses or little acts of service to others in a secret manner, so you don't receive praise for them! It's between you and God! :)

Mission: You have a special challenge this week! Perform secret acts of kindness and service for members of your family to show them you love them and appreciate what they do for you! Don't get caught!

Song of the Week!
SHINE AND SERVE



O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.
St Francis of Assisi

SERVICE AND HUMILITY

Do you believe God can do amazing things in your life? Do you believe He wants to? And that all He requires is faith the size of a mustard seed? Have you ever checked how small that actually is? It's pretty humbling! God often works in little ways and recognises that sometimes that's the only way we can serve too: in small ways. The lives of the saints teach us so much about faith, humility and service. Last week we learned about Padre Pio's incredible humility and obedience, and how he gave his all to God, ministering to others for up to 19 hours a day and always putting God and those who came to him before his own needs.

This week we can focus on the little Italian saint, Francis of Assisi. Francis was born to a wealthy, noble life, but an experience with Jesus Christ changed his heart and all he wanted from that point on was to serve God and others. He literally gave away all his wealth, his security and possessions and trusted in God to provide for his every need. His joy, his faith and his radical commitment to the gospel were exactly what was needed at a time in Church history where wealth and power had begun to corrupt the church from within. God's troubadour and his inspiring life and witness helped to rebuild the Church and remind people what a life of service can look like.

Learn more about Francis this week and see how you can be inspired to be like this Gamechanger!

Saint Series: Francis of Assisi

Lord make me an instrument of your peace
(Sarah McLachlan)

To the Heights Youth Newsletter will return at the end of August



Family Prayer

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

EVENTS

Lectio Divina with the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Waterford.

Tuesdays, 2:30-4pm- St. John's Pastoral Centre or Thursdays, 7:30-9pm- Sacred Heart Convent, Cedar Lodge (Newtown Rd.) Starting from 13th September. Queries: Sr. Kathryn 087 404 2784.

The Chosen: Zoom Series, Season 2: TUESDAY nights, 8 - 9.15pm, 4 - 29 October - www.waterfordlismore.ie for more information or [click here to sign up](#)

Monthly Cherished Evening of Prayer & Fellowship for women aged 18-50, Mon 5th Oct at Holy Family Mission. Rosary @7.30pm, Mass @ 8.00pm followed by tea/coffee and lots of chat! For more info contact Shauna (087) 1378364.

Encounter: Gathering for young adults aged 18-35. Talk - Music - Prayer - Refreshments. Fri 14th October - St John's Church, Waterford @ 8pm. More info: www.waterfordlismore.ie/youth-ministry

JUST A LITTLE FAITH

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus teach about faith and service to God. The context is a continuing dialogue between Jesus and his followers about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

Jesus has just finished an instruction on sin and forgiveness. There are two related teachings that Jesus offers to his disciples when they cry out for an increase in faith. The first is the familiar reminder that faith, even just a little, will enable the followers of Jesus to do wondrous things.

But this uplifting and inspiring teaching is quickly followed by the second teaching, a caution about knowing one's place in God's plans. The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants to God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise.

Our participation in God's plans is God's grace to us—nothing more, nothing less. When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards.

And yet, our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as his servants, can be made to produce a hundredfold.

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CHECK IT OUT: ENCOUNTER



Encounter is an new young adult initiative in the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore for those aged 18-35. What can you expect? A great talk, music and a time of prayer with other young adults, followed by refreshments and chat afterwards! Free admission! The next Encounter night is Friday 14th October in St John's Church, Waterford (and every 2nd Friday of the month). For more info contact youthministry@waterfordlismore.ie or ring / text (085) 8623704

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