

# To the Heights

Year A 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## EVANGELIUM YOUNG ADULTS APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE

Some of the Ascend Faith Reps and Task Force members with Bishop Phonsie at the recent Evangelium Young Adult Conference in Cork. For more on Evangelium Ireland go to <https://www.evangelium.ie/>

**HEAR!** Sunday Gospel  
Matthew 22:15-21



If you don't have a Bible handy, click the image here to access the Mass readings for this Sunday!

**WATCH!**

Fr Mike Schmitz

IS GOD IN THE CENTER OF YOUR LIFE?



**PRAY!**



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**WEEKLY CHALLENGE!**



Follow Fr Mike's 3-Question checklist in his video 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!



**TUNE!**

Everything  
Tim Hughes





**GROW!**

**RESOURCES: CALLED TO MORE**

"Called to More is a Catholic apostolate based in Dublin, Ireland. Our mission is to help you know your faith as a way of life and a relationship with God. At Called to More, we believe God has individually and uniquely called you to know Him, to love Him, to share Him with others, and to live with Him in complete joy forever. We are reminding you of this call — your call — to something more."




**GAMECHANGERS!**

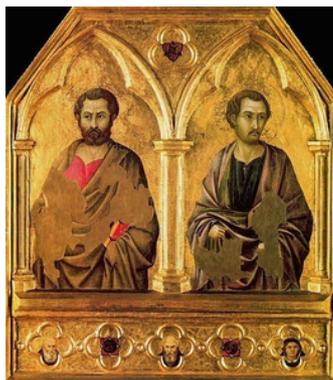
**SS SIMON & JUDE** 28 October  
Apostles



Click the image to discover more about Ss Simon and Jude.

The Catholic Church offers us so many examples of inspirational saints and heroes, or as we like to call them here, **Game Changers!**

More Gamechanger resources available on our website.



**EVENTS**

**The Chosen TV Series:** Beginning Tues 10th Oct (8pm) on zoom (over 18s) or Wed 11th Oct (2.30pm) in person in St John's Pastoral Centre, Waterford. For more info contact Sr. Kathryn 087 404 2784 or [waterford@ascjus.org](mailto:waterford@ascjus.org)

**Youth 2000 Munster Retreat:** in Midleton, Co. Cork for 16-35 year olds. Donation only. Book on [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

**Holy Family Mission All Saints Party:** Monday 30th October, Holy Family Mission, Glencomeragh House. Prayer, Talk, Mass, Music, Fun and Games for all the Family! 11am - 2pm. Bring a packed lunch. For more info email [info@holymission.ie](mailto:info@holymission.ie)

## PUZZLE

FIND THE WORDS FROM THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL IN THE WORDSEARCH BELOW



- belongs
- Caesar
- denarius
- disciples
- God
- Herodians
- honest
- hypocrites
- money
- opinion
- permissible
- Pharisees
- rank
- taxes

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

Can you explain how any four of these words relate to the message of the Gospel?

What do you think God could be saying to you in this Gospel? What speaks to your heart? Maybe it raises questions, maybe it's a little uncomfortable, maybe it offers hope... what matters is that we are open to hearing God speak to us individually.




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## DOODLE PRAYER

Reflect on scripture quote and allow thoughts and images that come to you to form part of your doodle prayer: it could be people or situations that need prayer or even areas you might need to change in. Certain words or phrases might stand out for you. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your heart as you pray and doodle!

*'GIVE TO CAESAR WHAT BELONGS TO CAESAR - AND TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD.'*



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It's not that Jesus is telling us that families are not important, or that we can't say goodbye to people. Rather, How attached are we to material things? How much value do we place on them? Which gets more time, my phone or my God? Buying things or spending time with God? Looking for popularity and fame, or looking at myself as God sees me - a beloved child? Living a double-life never leads to happiness. Choose Jesus first, put God first: I guarantee you will never regret it! The rewards are out of this world!;) )

[Click here for some relaxing instrumental music](#)  
 SPONTANEOUS WORSHIP | TWO HOURS OF WORSHIP PIANO

FIX YOUR WHOLE HEART  
UPON GOD AND LOVE HIM  
WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.  
ST. LOUIS IX OF FRANCE.

MATTHEW 22:15-21



# GIVE GOD HIS DUE



## ICEBREAKER

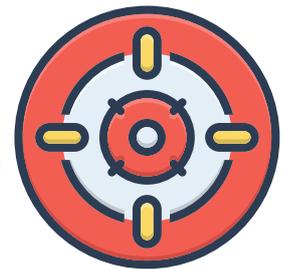


### Would you rather?

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:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## GIVE GOD HIS DUE

MATTHEW 22:15-21

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?**

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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?**

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START



Now Read Matthew 22:15-21



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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