

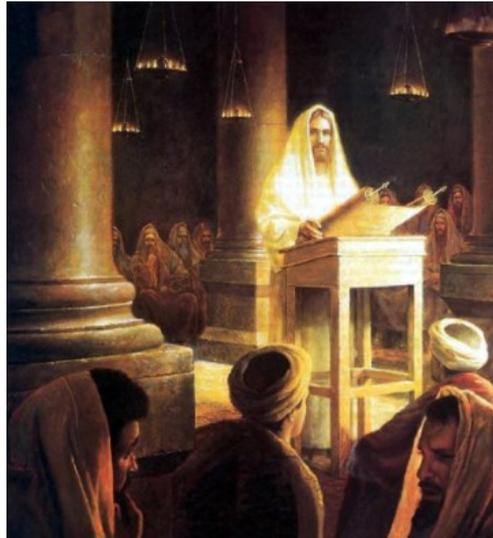


Parish News

Sunday 31st JANUARY

He taught them with authority...

In today's gospel we hear of the reactions of people on encountering Jesus when they were gathered as a community: they encountered him as a brother, as a unique teacher, and as the Holy One of God. In our gathering today we are encountering him as our brother, our teacher, and the Holy One of God who is calling us together to share his supper.



A dominant aspect of Jesus' work in proclaiming the good news of the kingdom in Mark is his role as a teacher and this is particularly evident in the early chapters. Here we see his teaching making a deep impression on his hearers and they respond with wonder and astonishment. In this teaching Jesus was, no doubt, speaking of God's will for the world in terms that were easily understood by his hearers. Added to this, his action of exorcising demons can be understood as a way of indicating the triumph of good over evil and showing that now is the time to respond with faith to God's action in the world. The prevalence of exorcisms in the gospels is not to be taken as suggesting there was more demonic possession then than now. It is more likely that these accounts reflect ancient views around a range of illnesses that are more easily diagnosed nowadays.

Reflection

In this age of information technology and instant access to information and entertainment, we probably appreciate more than ever the worth of a really good teacher. It is an aspect of Jesus' ministry that can easily be lost sight of, and that is a pity because it is more important that we understand his message than that we believe he was a miracle worker. As disciples we are challenged to continue to grow in understanding, to sit at the feet of Jesus the teacher and to take steps to make our own the wonderful good news of the kingdom. By being properly informed, we are less likely to be led astray by the whole range of 'false prophets' who today compete for our allegiance.



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St Angela's College, Sligo

Is inviting applications for the following course beginning Autumn 2021

Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education (Primary) with Online Delivery

The course is open to: Qualified primary school teachers; Qualified post-primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious education may also apply.

Closing date for Applications is Friday 14th May 2021. This date may be extended.

For further information and application forms contact Mary Kearns, Senior Administrator, School of Education, St. Angela's College, Lough Gill, Sligo

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Streamed Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Vigils 7:00pm Vigil
8:00pm (Hospital Mass)

Sundays : 10:00am 11:15am and 12:00pm

Weekdays 09:15am 10:00am and 11:00am

Saturday 10:00am 11:00am



Our online masses can be accessed here [ONLINE](#)

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2021 concludes today -Sunday 31st .
The theme 'Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience'.
We offer thanks to the wonderful teachers, parents and pupils for
their participation. www.catholicschools.ie



Feast days during this coming week

Monday	St Brigid	
Tuesday	Presentation of the Lord	Blessing of Candles
Wednesday	St Blaise	



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Rest in Peace

Deaths:

William Shiels, late of Union Street, Jack McLaughlin, Trench Road, Patsy Sweeney, Windridge Drive

Anniversaries:

Owne McDaid, Mary Ellen McDaid, Gerry McDaid, Sean Ferry, Rosetta Cauley, Fr Frank Furey, Eileen Furey, Brian Furey, Arthur and Lily Logue, Barney Devine, Celine Houston, Eamon Flanagan

A Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

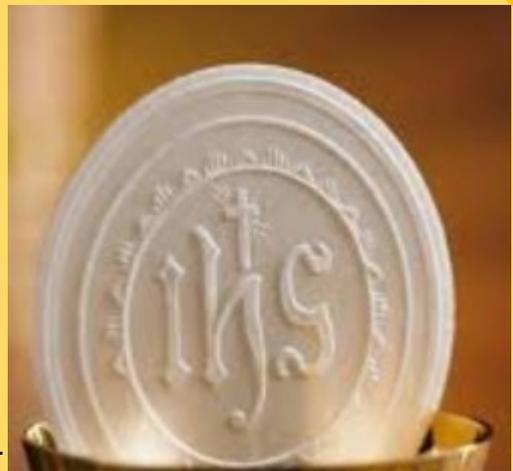
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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