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14th Sunday in ordinary time, July 07 2024 GOSPEL : Mark 6: 1-6 A Prophet is not without honour except in His native place.



Gospel exegesis: The context: It was natural that Jesus should visit his hometown, Nazareth, as a rabbi with a band of disciples. On the Sabbath day of that visit, Jesus went to the local synagogue. In the synagogue there was no definite person to give the address. Any distinguished person present who had a message to give might be asked by the ruler of the synagogue to speak. Since Jesus' fame as a preacher and miracle worker in other places of Galilee had reached Nazareth, Jesus was invited to read from the Prophets and explain the text. During his "Inaugural Address" or "Mission Statement," Jesus took upon himself the identity of a prophet, different from the image of a miracle worker that people wished to see. As other faithful prophets of Israel had done, Jesus, too, held people accountable for their selfishness, their faithlessness to God, their lack of justice and mercy (Mi 6:6-8), and their sinfulness.

The adverse reaction: The first reaction of the people in the synagogue to Jesus' words was one of astonishment. Luke says they were "amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips." But Mark says that they asked one another: "Where did this man get all this?"They knew him only as a carpenter from a poor family, with no formal training in Mosaic Law. Certainly, they thought Jesus had gone far beyond the proper place of a humble carpenter. They did not expect this "carpenter's son," to be skilled in interpreting the Scriptures. They also could not understand how a mere carpenter could be their powerful, wealthy, political Messiah who would liberate them from Roman rule and re-establish the Davidic kingdom of power and glory.

LIFE MESSAGE

Today's Scriptures challenge us to face rejection with prophetic courage and optimism. Very often our friends, families, or childhood companions fail to listen to us and refuse to accept the words of grace, love, and encouragement that we offer to them because they are so familiar with us that they are unable to see us as God's appointed instruments, the agents of God's healing and saving grace for them. But we have to face such rejection with prophetic courage because by our Baptism we are called to be prophets like Jesus, sharing Jesus' prophetic mission. As prophets, our task is to "speak the truth in love," and to oppose the evils in our society, refusing to condone or encourage sinful behaviour even in our dear ones.

The "Constant" Prayer of St. Catherine of Siena "Precious Blood, ocean of divine mercy: Flow upon us! Precious Blood, most pure offering: Procure us every grace! Precious Blood, hope and refuge of sinners: Atone for us! Precious Blood, delight of holy souls: Draw us! Amen."

There will be Mass in Malpas this Sunday;07/7/2024



The Month of July is Dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus

Anima Christi:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, embolden me. Water from the side of Christ, Wash me. Passion of Christ, Strengthen me. O Good Jesus, hear me. Within your wounds hide me.

Mass Times

Permit me not to be separated from you. From the wicked foe, defend me. At the hour of my death, call me and bid me come to you. That with your saints I may praise you For ever and ever. Amen



Say your daily

Sunday. New Members are welcome

Mass Times			1 2 2	iy your daily
Saturday 06 July	6:30pm	Albia ,BD		ary for peace n the world
SUNDAY 07 July	9:30am 11:00am	Andrew Speed- Healing Kate Turner Rip	There will be second collections this Sunday 07/07/2024-Peter's Pence There will be requiem mass for our late Choir Mistress -Kate Turner on Monday; 15th of July. Time 9am.	
Monday 08 July	10:00am	Czeslaw Polaszek RIP		
Tuesday 09 July St. Augustine Zhao and Companions	10:00am	JC		
			Sat. 6:30PM Sun. 9:30am	Sun.11:00am
Wednesday 10 July	Sacristy	private intentions	Hazel Eileen Spencer Livesey	Liz Greaves
Thursday 11 July St. Benedict, AB Patron of Europe	10:00am	Sanctification of Priests	Mass Offering for June 29th—£458.37 Standing orders————£118.25	
Friday 12 July	6:00PM	Czeslaw Polaszek, BD Ann.	Confession is Saturdays 5-6pm, 30mins before and after mass and on request.	
Saturday 13 July St. Henry, K	6:30PM	Souls in Purgatory	Our Parish Safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke	
Sunday 14 July	9:30am 11:00am	Parishioners	There will be meeting for St Vincent de Paul Society after 11am Mass next	