

INISTIOGE PARISH

St Colmcille's, Inistioge | St Brendan's, Clodiagh | The Assumption, The Rower

WEEKEND MASSES

Vigil: The Rower 7.30 p.m.

Sunday: Clodiagh 9.30 a.m.; Inistioge 11.00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

The Rower: Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 a.m.

Inistioge: Wednesday & Friday 9.30 a.m.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4th July 2021

'In Order To Succeed, Your Desire For Success Must Be Greater Than Your Fear Of Failure'

(Albert Einstein)

The gospel passage for this Sunday is St Mark's version of Jesus' return to his home town of Nazareth, accompanied by his disciples. He began to teach in Nazareth, and many were astonished by what they saw in him. They wondered where all this wisdom had come from. What they saw was very different from what others had seen. This man was one of them, in the deepest sense; they knew him and his family. The people of the town would not accept him; even though they had heard of his outstanding accomplishments in other places, they could not see what made him so special.

The story of what happened to Jesus when he decided to return to his town is a familiar story, one that happens to all of us: we achieve wonderful things far away from home – in another city, or perhaps in some other part of the world, where we are not well known; then the time comes when we know we must return to our own country and teach there, and we find that people at home do not see us in the same way.

As you reflect on this passage, you may find yourself identifying with the people who rejected Jesus because he was so well known to them. Or you may prefer to identify with Jesus, remembering times when you or others had an experience like his. If you are taking this approach you might like to read it as necessary journey of "returning to reality". Feel free, also, to read the story symbolically, taking "going home" to mean the journey to the deepest truth of ourselves.

Bereavements

Recently Deceased: Sally Curran, Raheenduff. Funeral arrangements later.

Anniversaries: Roseann Foley nee Croke, Coolshane (11.00am) and Tom McDonald, Kilkenny.

Next Sunday: Seán O'Leary, Mill Road, Maura Naddy, Kilmacshane and Maureen Brennan, Coolnamuck (11.00).

The tragedy of unbelief

In Sept 1938 a man buys an extremely sensitive barometer, but when it arrives the needle on the device is pointing to the sector marked hurricane. After shaking the device several times (never a good idea), he was unable to get the needle to move. So, in anger, he sat down and wrote a scathing letter to the company about their faulty product. He posted his letter next morning, but on his return from work, not only was his barometer missing, but so was his entire house from a hurricane. Jesus experienced such a tragedy of unbelief

and rejection in the Synagogue, as described in today's Gospel.

The Deacon Prophet

A bishop who was interviewing a senior seminarian before his ordination and asked him where he would like to be assigned. The seminarian said, somewhat boldly, "Oh, my bishop, anywhere but Frazer Town!" "Why not there," the bishop asked? "You know," the seminarian answered, "That's my hometown -- and we all know that 'a prophet is not without honour except in his native place.'" The bishop replied, "Don't worry my friend! Nobody in your hometown is going to confuse you with a prophet."

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