

**October 17<sup>th</sup> 2021 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year B – Mark 10 : 35 - 45**

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup>They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” <sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers, lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</li> <li>➤ <b>Meditate</b> - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition</li> <li>➤ <b>Action</b> – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do)</li> </ul>
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In this week’s gospel we see how costly the following of Jesus can be. We can relate to the difficulties experienced by the disciples. After their initial enthusiasm we see how difficult it was for them as they were prone to misunderstanding and ambition and often paralysed by fear. On this Sunday we are challenged to be actively engaged as Christians especially if we have truly experienced Gods saving love, to bring Jesus to his people. We do not need lengthy training to proclaim this love of Jesus because we have experienced it.

What aspects of Jesus' life and ministry have inspired you to imitate his giving of his life for others?

**Prayer:**

**Thank you Lord** for the people with a great spirit of service to others who value the good of others over personal rewards. They are a great witness to your life.

**Forgive us Lord** for the times we allowed misunderstanding, ambition or fear to prevent us from proclaiming the true message of Jesus to all his people.

**Help us Lord** as baptised Christians to bring God's saving love to all. Let us remember that our task is to serve just as Jesus did on his travels here.

