



Getting Ready for Sunday!

13 October 2024

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Green is the colour which marks ordinary time.

Green is a sign of growth.

We are growing all the time: as followers we try to grow more like Jesus all the time.

ORDINARY TIME

- 34 weeks in ordinary time.
- Ordinary Time is all time except Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter
- The colours in the words above give a hint about the colour of those seasons!
- The Church Year ends on the Feast of Christ the King, which is five Sundays before Christmas Day.

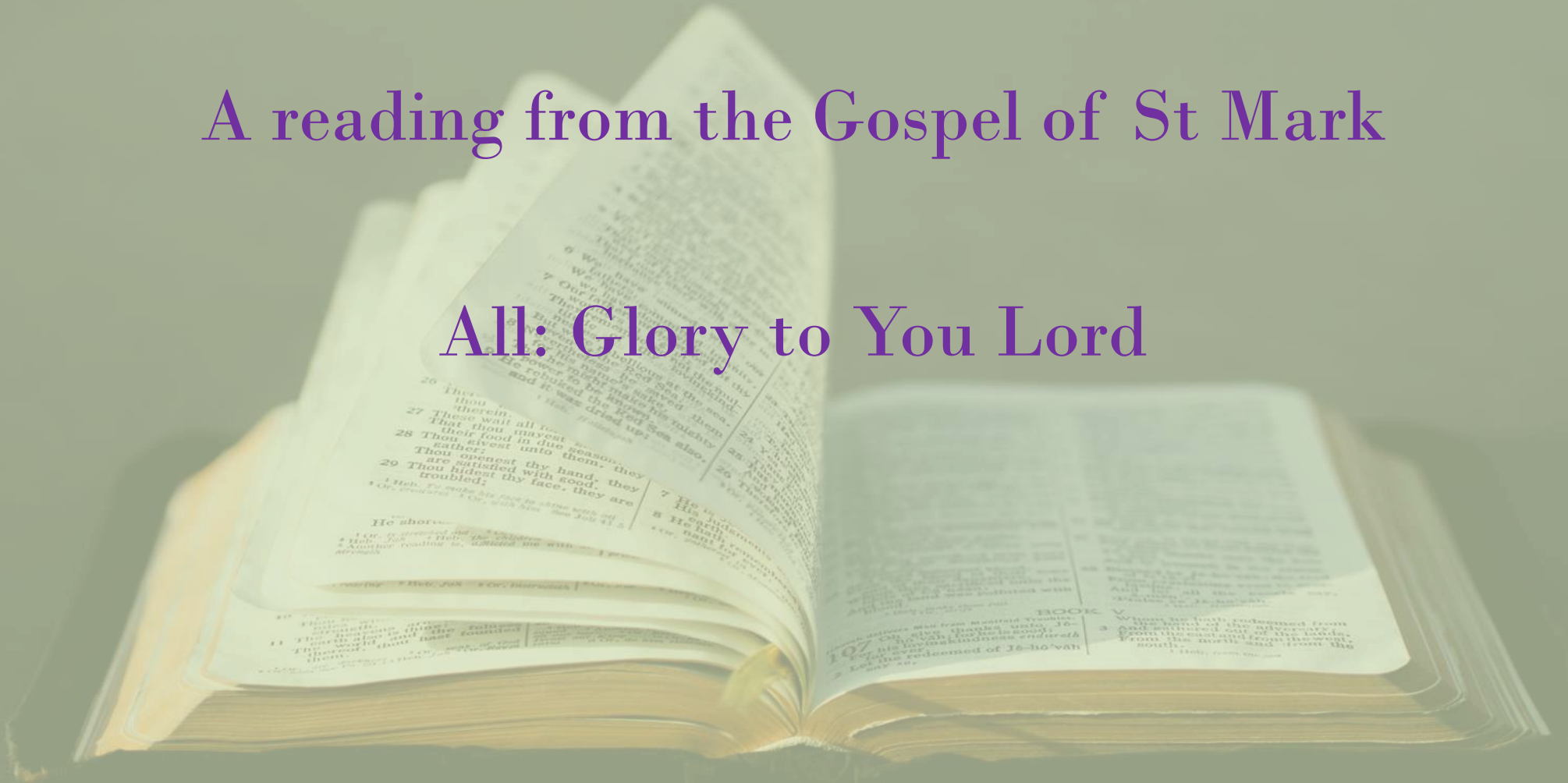
This Sunday's Gospel is about Jesus' encounter with a Rich Young Man who has not yet decided if he really wants to follow Jesus.

When we listen to the story remember God is speaking to us with a message which is person for us today.

Imagine you are the man in the story!

A reading from the Gospel of St Mark

All: Glory to You Lord



Mark 10:17-30



The Rich Young Man

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, ‘Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.’

Jesus is getting the man to really think about what it means to be a Christian!



You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.'

GOD	MAN
1: Do not worship any other gods	5: Honour your father & mother
2: Do not make any idols	6: Do not murder
3: Do not misuse the name of God	7: Do not commit adultery
4: Keep the Sabbath holy	8: Do not steal
	9: Do not lie
	10: Do not covet

These are the basic rules if we want to follow Jesus.

And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.'



What things or interests keep you from giving time to prayer and to caring for others?

But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.



The rich young man was not able to put Jesus and the sharing of God's Good News first in his life.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!’ The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, ‘My children,’ he said to them ‘how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom God.



Jesus is telling us that it is not easy to show love all the time.

'They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'



Jesus tells us that we are not on our own-if we trust in Him He will help us do what we need to do!

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.'



Even Jesus' closest friends found it difficult not to be selfish!

Jesus said, ‘I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.’

I CAN do it! – with God’s help!

To God all things are possible

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to You Lord, Jesus Christ.

What are you going to do to follow Jesus more closely this weekend?

Have a think!

Help someone

Share with someone

Go to Mass on Sunday

Pray

The background of the image is a calm body of water, likely a pond or lake, with a greenish hue. The water's surface is covered in gentle ripples. In the upper left corner, there are branches with green and brown leaves hanging down. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

Bible Search

Read Mark 10:17-30 in your family Bible

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Mark 10:17-30

1. We often get satisfaction from the things we own, clothes, cars, homes, gadgets or money. There would be something unnatural if we did not. But what happens to us when our possessions begin to ‘own’ us, when they take a hold of us, when we become obsessed with them? Jesus seeks followers who have the freedom to let go of possessions in order to be a servant of others. In whom have you seen this freedom? When have you experienced it yourself?
2. Growth implies change. That change sometimes means letting go of something we have at this moment: job, status, home, security or something else we value. There can be an apparent loss in letting go. Yet have you ever found that you actually gained by having the freedom to let go of something to which you had previously clung?
3. The disciples thought that Jesus was making impossible demands of people following him. He acknowledged that discipleship was impossible to us on our own efforts alone. How have you experienced the benefits of the help of others and of God when you were faced with difficulties in life?

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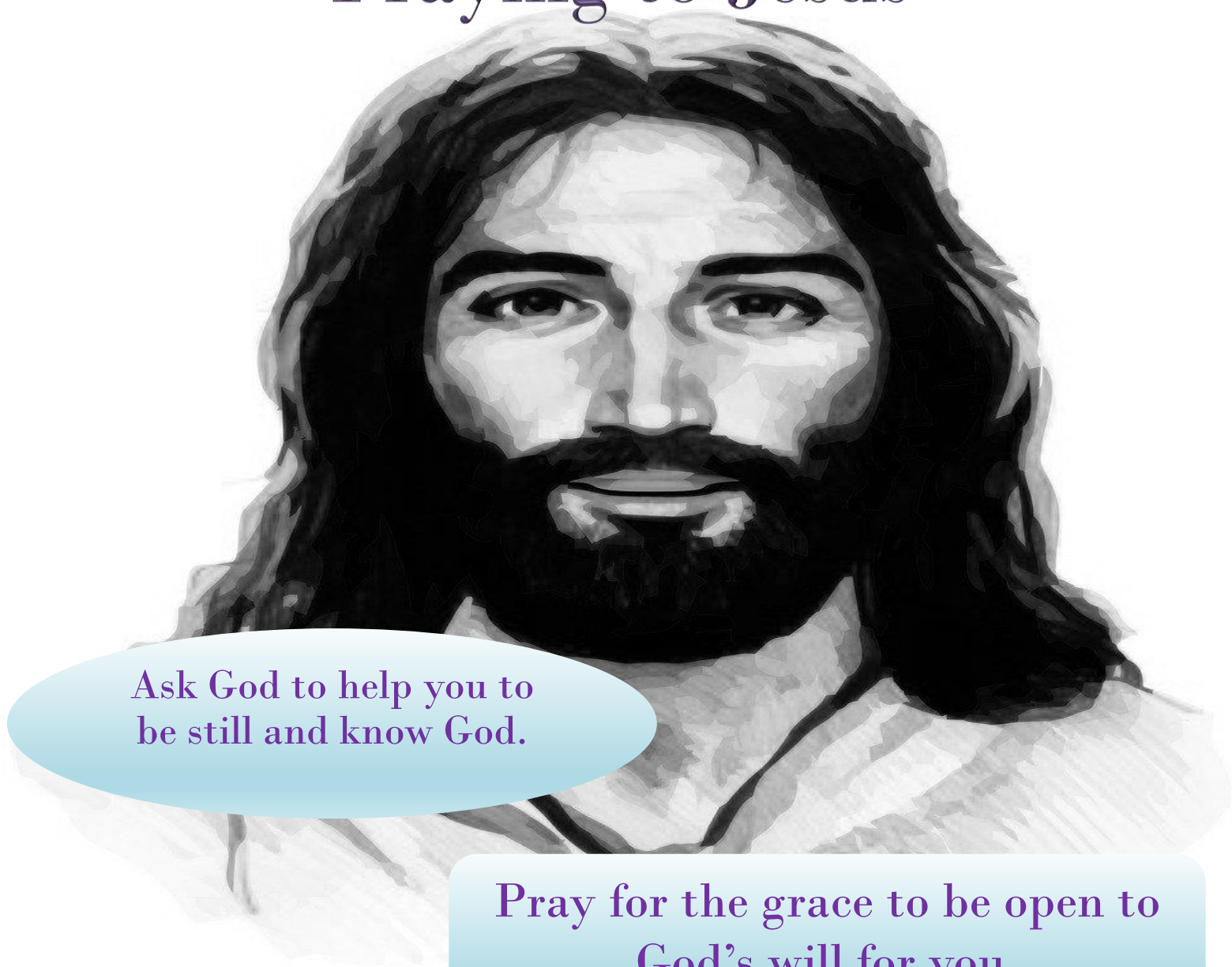
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Consider



How open is your heart and mind to the will of God?

Praying to Jesus



Ask God to help you to be still and know God.

Pray for the grace to be open to God's will for you.