



CELEBRATING THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL  
W/C SUN 4TH JULY 2021, 14TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (B)

# THEY WOULD NOT ACCEPT HIM

The Word was made flesh and lived among us:  
to all who did accept him, he gave power to become children of God.

JOHN 1:14,12

## "ISN'T HE THE CARPENTER?"

Jesus left that place and went back to his hometown, followed by his disciples. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue.

Many people were there; and when they heard him, they were all amazed. "Where did he get all this?" they asked. "What wisdom is this that has been given him? How does he perform miracles? Isn't he the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon? Aren't his sisters living here?" And so they rejected him. Jesus said to them, "Prophets are respected everywhere except in their own hometown and by their relatives and their family."

He was not able to perform any miracles there, except that he placed his hands on a few sick people and healed them. He was greatly surprised, because the people did not have faith.



When reading this week's Gospel, we have to remember that these people in Jesus' home town lived with him for 30 years. He was just the guy that fixed their chairs and tables! When he returned, were they confused? Shocked? Jealous? The people we see day to day know us; our routines and our habits, and we know theirs. Sometimes we can be blind to the people around us - their gifts and talents, all that makes them unique, and it's because we see them every day. God revealed himself to us through an ordinary man, and that is what he continues to do today. Not someone quite like Jesus, but there are people all around us who are striving to live like him. Do we recognise the values these people hold as something special, or worth celebrating? Or do we not accept them, thinking that because they're from the same place as us that they can't possibly be anything other than ordinary? Jesus moves among us nowadays through the words and actions of others - may we seek him, find him, and live like him also.

### MASS READINGS

1st Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5  
There is a prophet among them  
Psalm 122  
Our eyes are on the Lord  
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10  
It is when I am weak that I am strong  
Gospel: Mark 5:21-43  
Prophets are respected everywhere but their home town

### WE PRAY FOR...

All those we know who are sick and housebound, those in care or in hospital, and those who have recently died or have anniversaries at this time.

### THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 6th: Saint Maria Goretti



When We Are Weak, Christ Is Strong in Us



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