

# Shine

4TH JULY 2021

14TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE  
MARK 6:1-6

Jesus went away from there and came to his own country; and his disciples followed him. And on the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue; and many who heard him were astonished.

They said "Where did this man get all this? What is the wisdom given to him? What mighty works are wrought by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honour, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house." And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands upon a few sick people and healed them. And he marvelled because of their unbelief.

## Reflection

There are aspects of today's gospel that are deeply saddening, especially when we see people with closed hearts and minds towards Jesus. Not even strangers, but people who were His friends, His neighbours and the people He grew up with.

However, Jesus made a choice not to give up, even after being rejected by the people He loved most. Jesus instead set out to share His message with people who were ready to open their minds and hearts to Him.

# ACTIVITY

## Rainbow Bunting

Over the last few months many people have put things in their windows; rainbows and thank you signs to name but a few.

This week make some bunting to put round your window. You could design flags that are colourful and that say, "make Jesus welcome".



## Prayer

As we turn towards You and let You in to our lives;

**Father, open our minds and hearts to you.**

As we strive to do Your will;

**Father, open our minds and hearts to you.**

As we honour You with every step of our day;

**Father, open our minds and hearts to you.**

## CHALLENGE

Make Jesus welcome – How can we make Jesus more welcome in our lives?

Maybe this is the week to turn to Him in prayer, reflection and stillness.

Take some time to welcome Jesus into your life.

