



**Thursday 30 Sep 2021**

**Thursday of the twenty-sixth week in Ordinary Time Year 1**

**Gospel**

**Lk 10:1-12**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Your peace will rest on them.*

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the house, taking what food and drink they offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go into its street and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

**Reflection By Fr John Purnell**

Today Jesus is expanding his workforce by choosing seventy-two other disciples. He immediately sends them out two by two into the villages to preach the Good News and gives them lengthy and detailed instructions, of what to do and what not to do. Today Jesus also sends *us* forth to preach this Good News.

We may preach the Good News by our word, our example, and our love. We may preach the Good News by noticing and attending to an individual we encounter. Often it is the little acts of kindness that have the greatest potential to be gift to another individual. We may preach the Good News with a smile or perhaps we spend 10-15 minutes of our time and sit down and listen to a friend who is struggling. We may hear about a good cause and we decide to contribute to that cause.

In today's world, we are Jesus 'disciples. Will our actions, love and care for people demonstrate that we are Jesus 'disciples?

The acts we do may seem very small to us. However, if done with great love, the smallest act may be a great gift to someone you encounter today!

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