

Sunday Message

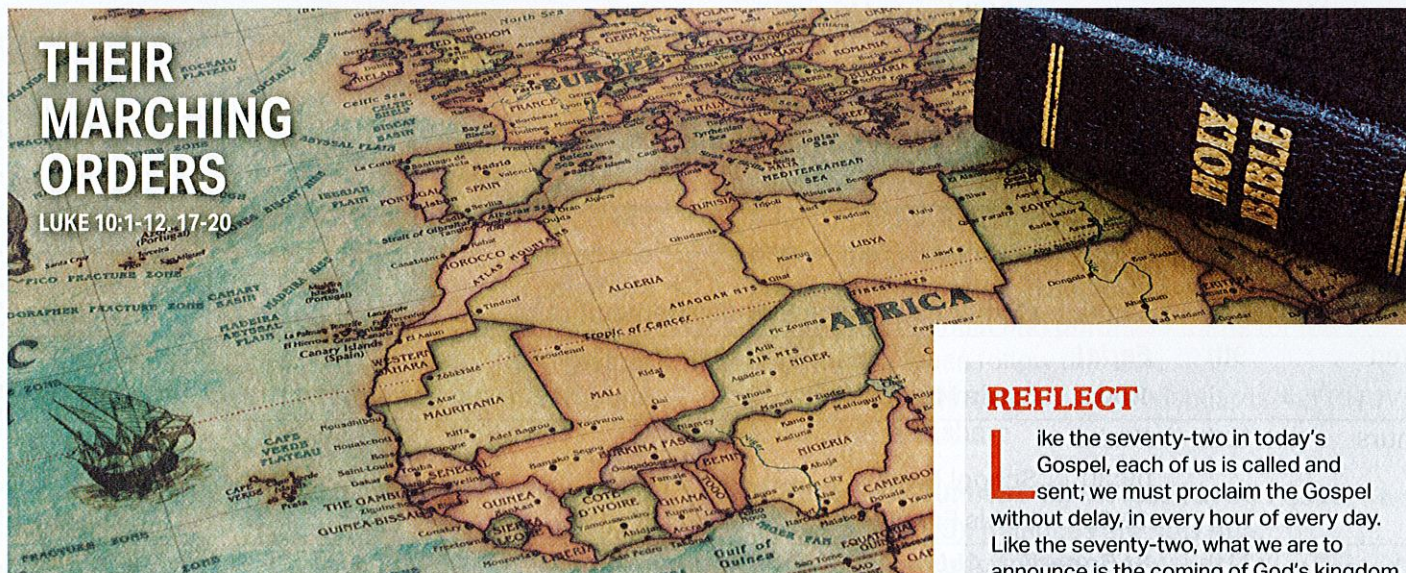
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

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THEIR MARCHING ORDERS

LUKE 10:1-12, 17-20



I had a short, undistinguished career as a foreign missionary. In the 1980s, aged just twenty-three, I was sent to the Philippines for two years on what was called a mission immersion experience. It certainly was immersion and it most definitely was an experience.

Talk about the challenge of adjusting to a new people and a new environment. For the first few months the mosquitoes thought it was Christmas. They feasted on my rich, fresh blood. The food took some getting used to – no milk, only powdered stuff, no potatoes, only lots and lots of rice, few of the vegetables we're accustomed to, but a huge variety of wonderful tropical fruit.

I soon discovered I had no aptitude for foreign languages and struggled to get a basic grasp of the local dialect. The heat was intense. I quickly appreciated those words of Noel Coward: "Mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun."

I was overwhelmed by the poverty, of a kind I could scarcely imagine, thousands of families in our parish packed into shantytowns or hillside barrios with few amenities and no social welfare. I was lonely, about as far away from home as it was possible to be, in a time before smartphones, social media and satellite tv. Though I was awestruck by the people's friendliness, fortitude and faith, I knew early on I wasn't cut out to be a foreign missionary.

I wasn't the first foreign missionary in my family. A great grand-uncle, Patrick Moloney, a Vincentian priest, died in China in the 1880s; two of my religious-sister aunts worked abroad, as did many other relatives, though I was undoubtedly the least successful of the lot. Most Irish families, tracing back, will find a foreign missionary or two in their family tree, part of the country's great contribution to the Church.

But, of course, we don't have to enter religious life or go abroad to be missionaries. It's something we must do at home, too. In fact, that we do so is a requirement of our Christian faith. We are all called by virtue of our baptism to proclaim the Gospel by the kind of people we are, wherever we find ourselves. ■

PRAY

Pray for all missionaries, particularly those working in dangerous places.

DO

Speak this week about your love of Jesus Christ. Don't be afraid to tell people why your faith is so important to you.



REFLECT

Like the seventy-two in today's Gospel, each of us is called and sent; we must proclaim the Gospel without delay, in every hour of every day. Like the seventy-two, what we are to announce is the coming of God's kingdom of compassion, justice, peace, love. Announce it, witness to it, live it.

Even though we live in an era of mass-media communication, where news can be transmitted around the globe in microseconds, there is still nothing to compare with the human touch, with person-to-person interaction. This is especially true when it comes to our faith. The personal witness to the Gospel that we give every day is the best form of evangelisation.

Jesus has given us an example of how we are to live. The question is, are you an agent of Good News? Do you proclaim it daily by the things you do and say? Would Jesus choose you as one of his seventy-two? ■

LEARN

In telling the story of the seventy-two, Luke is looking forward to the mission of the Church which he describes in the Acts of the Apostles. It is a mission that always continues, even if it takes many different forms. Today, the Gospel is communicated as much through social media, tv and movies as through word of mouth. But personal example is key. All the baptised are part of the mission and witness of the Church. We each have a mandate to evangelise.

SAY

"Lord, help me to stay strong in the face of whatever difficulties come my way. Help me to follow your example. Amen."

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.*

COLLECT

O God, who in the abasement of your Son
have raised up a fallen world,
fill your faithful with holy joy,
for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin
you bestow eternal gladness.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 66:10-14c

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD:

'Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her;
that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious abundance.'

For thus says the LORD:

'Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,
and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip,
and bounced upon her knees.
As one whom his mother comforts,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.
You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bones shall flourish like the grass;
and the hand of the LORD shall be known to his servants.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 66(65):1-3a. 4-5. 6-7a. 16, 20. R.1

R: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

1. Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God, 'How wondrous your deeds!' **R.**
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow down,
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God:
his wondrous deeds among the children of Adam. **R.**
3. He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
Let our joy, then, be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **R.**
4. Come and hear, all who fear God;
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer,
nor withhold from me his merciful love. **R.**

SECOND READING Galatians 6:14-18

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians.

Brothers and sisters: Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Colossians 3:15a, 16a

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;

let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 10:1-12. 17-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

(for shorter form read between > <)

> At that time: The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no money bag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace be to this house!" And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the labourer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." < But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near." I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.'

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!' And he said to them, 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation dedicated to your name
purify us, O Lord,
and day by day bring our conduct
closer to the life of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.*

Or

*Come to me, all who labour and are burdened,
and I will refresh you, says the Lord.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, having been replenished by such great gifts,
we may gain the prize of salvation
and never cease to praise you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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6 JULY 2025

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Family Masses on Sunday – no Children's Liturgy

Sat	5th	17:30	Dennis Rowley 1 st Anniversary / Rev. Adam Bamber Ordination	St Patrick's
Sun	6th	08:45	No Mass in Polish	Our Lady's
	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	Colin Howard and Debbi Spence	St Patrick's
		11:00	Veronica Keys Anniversary	St Patrick's

Mon 7th **Ferial**

Tues 8th **Ferial**

12:00 Catherine Nickson Birthday Remembrance St Patrick's

Wed 9th **Ferial**

12:00 Sylvia Moore Our Lady's

Thurs 10th **Ferial**

09:30 School Mass St Patrick's Primary School

19:00 Lewis Family St Patrick's

Fri 11th **St Benedict, Abbot & Religious Founder**

12:00 Rita and Christine Connolly Intention St Patrick's

13:30 Betty Hevican Funeral Service Telford Crematorium

Sat 12th 17:30 Clare Kendrick RIP St Patrick's

Sun 13th **No Mass in Polish** St Patrick's

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 09:00 Francis Bayley RIP Our Lady's

11:00 Joan Jones 1st Anniversary St Patrick's

13:00 Catenian Mass Our Lady's

SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS (CONFESSION)

30 minutes before Masses

RIP: Betty Hevican (Funeral 11th July 1.30pm at Telford Crematorium), **Sicily Thomas**. We pray for everyone whose anniversaries are at this time,

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

30 minutes before weekday Masses

BAPTISMS Parents, along with Godparents, are strongly encouraged to attend at least one preparatory session before the celebration of the Sacrament. The next session will be on **26 July** at 12noon.

Weekly Offerings: Total: £1569.32- Standing Orders £744.37 (£586.12 Gift Aided), Envelopes £294 (£232 Gift Aided), Loose Plate £530.95 (Not Gift Aided). We can only add Gift Aid if donations are identifiable.

Bank details: St Patrick Wellington

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Our Lady & St Luke Telford

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ROTAS

Sat 5.30: W: Geraldine & Stephen **EM:** Gay **C:** Gay & Nicky. **Next week: W:** Denzil & Joanne **EM:** Nicky **C:** Maggie & Gail

Sun 9: W: Children **EM:** Catherine **C:** Bobbie/John/Nick. **Next week: W:** Kevin & Katrina **EM:** Francis **C:** Catharine/Felicity

Sun 11: W: Evangeline & Shreya **EM:** Anna **C:** Ann & Jane. **Next week: W:** Krystyna & Nancy **EM:** Stephen **C:** Lottie & Krystyna

Refreshments available after Mass every Sunday at OLoR .

Monthly Coffee mornings at St Patricks will resume in September.

CHANGES TO POLISH MASS TIMES OVER SUMMER:

There is no Polish Mass on 6th & 13th July and 3rd & 10th August, and no Polish Masses on Fridays in July or August.

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DATA PROTECTION PRIVACY NOTICE

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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: We thank all our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for their ministry in our parish, and we encourage them to commit to visiting at least one person regularly.

Those who attended the meeting on Saturday, 21 June were given a set of guidelines to guide them in the distribution of communion in church and in the pastoral care of the sick. If you were not at the meeting, please collect a copy of the guidelines from Fr Ravi.

Please contact the parish office for your DBS procedures and the piety stall for your communion pyx and prayer books, which can also be bought online. Gluten-free hosts are available for anyone needing them.

FAMILY BARBEQUE 6 JULY AT OUR LADY'S. Food will be available between 11am and 1.30pm. Everyone is welcome. There will be a tombola and games and there will be access to the Pirate Ship for primary aged children. There is no coffee morning after 11am Mass so perhaps you can meet your friends for a barbeque lunch.

SVP SUMMER RAFFLE: Tickets will be available at Our Lady's after Mass next Sunday (29th June). Cost £1 each or a book of 5 for £5. First prize £5,000. Second prize £1,000. 15 prizes of £100. The Draw will take place on 25th Sept. Please support the work of SVP both nationally and locally in helping to relieve loneliness, isolation and poverty.

BINGO NIGHT: To be held at Our Lady of the Rosary & St Luke's Church on Friday 18 July at 7pm. Bingo tickets 20p a game. Tickets cost £5 and include Baked Potato supper with choice of filling, Primary school children £2. Please bring your own soft/wine drinks. Tea/Coffee and squash will be available. There will be a raffle.

All proceeds to be divided between St Patrick's Poor Clare Mission in Myanga Kenya and Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

VOLUNTEERS: Please consider helping with the successful running of the church. We need more people who can count the collection after all Masses, **Children's liturgy helpers, car park stewards, readers and cleaners** in both churches, **flower arrangers and makers of refreshments at Our Lady's.** Please call or email the office if you can add your name to one of our rotas.

MONTHLY ECUMENICAL GATHERING: Monday 7th July at 7pm at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood. Theme to be advised in due course

THANK YOU for the recent donations of stamps and double knitting wool. The collections continue in both porches.

TELFORD IN LOURDES: The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes departs at the end of July. If you want pilgrims to take your Prayer Intentions to the Grotto, please use one of the white envelopes to enclose your Intentions and pop it into the post box in the church porch. If you want to contribute towards the cost of the large candle that will be left burning near the Grotto, please place your contribution in one of the small brown envelopes and place it in the box. Thank you.



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESAN LOURDES

PILGRIMAGE DIRECTOR: The Lourdes Management Team have launched a 'wish list' to support our assisted pilgrims. Supporters of the pilgrimage can directly help by purchasing equipment to support their care in the Accueil alongside items to enhance and enrich their all-round experiences in Lourdes. To view the Wishlist and purchase items for the Pilgrimage please follow this link:
https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/42FRNUVO3GUX?ref_=wl_share

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM (30th Sept - 3rd October 2025). Balances are now due.
If travelling by coach - £279 (hotel) + £104 (coach) - £75 (dep paid) = £308
If not travelling on the coach - £279 (hotel) - £75 (dep paid) = £204

The balancing payments are due as follows:
If travelling by coach £133-25 (hotel) + £104 (coach) = £238- 25 by 31st July and £69-75 on checking out of the hotel.
If **not** travelling by coach £134-25 by 31st July and £69-75 on checking out of the hotel.

Payments may be made directly to the Our Lady's bank account using the reference Walsingham or by cheque or cash to Janet Beyer, or the Parish office during office hours.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION AND PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE: It is especially needful in the light of the events of the past week that on Saturday 2nd August 2025, the National Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life will take place at England's Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham. Led by Bishop John Keenan of Paisley, the pilgrimage will commence at the 12 noon Pilgrim Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation and will also be available to join via livestream. To join the pilgrimage via the livestream: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

TESCO BLUE TOKENS: From 1st July 2025, St. Patrick's PTA, the SPPSA, is part of the Tesco Stronger Starts campaign. Shoppers can vote for us using blue tokens in selected local stores, and every token really helps support our school community.