



Ordinary Time Summer 2020

We gather together in our homes to join in prayer with all members of our Parish Community.



Fourteenth Friday of Ordinary Time

10th July 2020

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Remember, I am sending you out like sheep among wolves; so be cunning as serpents and yet as harmless as doves. 'Beware of men: they will hand you over to sanhedrins and scourge you in their synagogues. You will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the pagans. But when they hand you over, do not worry about how to speak or what to say; what you are to say will be given to you when the time comes; because it is not you who will be speaking; the Spirit of your Father will be speaking in you. 'Brother will betray brother to death, and the father his child; children will rise against their parents and have them put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name; but the man who stands firm to the end will be saved. If they persecute you in one town, take refuge in the next; and if they persecute you in that, take refuge in another. I tell you solemnly, you will not have gone the round of the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.' Matthew 10:16-23

The circumstances in which Jesus invites us to share the Good News and the obstacles we experience in doing this are very different today than they were in Jesus' time.

To be with this reading in a prayerful way, name some of these difficulties you experience in being the best person you can be and speak to Jesus about them. Notice how gentle, how appreciative and grateful he is for your doing the best you can. Tell him how you feel about him being like this; it is likely that a part of you will relish it but that another part will resist it. www.sacredspace.ie

Christ comforted the widow who had lost her only son: let us pray to him, who will come at the last to wipe away every tear from our eyes.

– *Come, Lord Jesus.*

Lord Jesus, you consoled especially the poor and troubled: look with mercy on those in any kind of need.

– *Come, Lord Jesus.*

The angel brought you the Father's comfort on the eve of your passion: we pray that your comfort may strengthen those who are dying.

– *Come, Lord Jesus.*

Let all exiles know your care for them; may they find their homelands once more, and come one day in joy to the Father's house.

– *Come, Lord Jesus.*

Look in love on all whose sins have separated them from you: reconcile them to yourself and to your Church.

– *Come, Lord Jesus.*

The dead suffered the pain and loss of human life: give them the fullness of life and joy in heaven.

– *Come, Lord Jesus.*

Give me back the joy of Your salvation,
sustain in me a generous spirit.
Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will speak out Your praise.
(Ps 51:12,15)



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