

Gospel reading for Sunday 11th July 2021 - 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord



For us to think about: Just as Jesus sent out his very first followers he also sends us in to the world to tell everyone, through our words and our behaviour about his Father and the Father's love for us all.

To borrow a term from the Roman Empire, we are evangelists, bearers of 'glad tidings'. In Roman times evangelists went ahead of the army to announce success in battle. The glad tidings we bring are that the definitive battle has been won, the battle between God and sin/death, divine love is greater than our greatest enemies. Let us do our best this week to put our Emperor, God, at the centre of our lives.