

# FAITH

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## 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### Sunday Mass Readings

#### First Reading:

Isaiah 66:10-14

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 65(66): 1-7, 16, 20

#### Second Reading:

Galatians 6:14-18

#### Gospel:

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

*"The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to His harvest..."*



James Tissot, Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

## Hear

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries, you can find this week's readings online [here](#).

Check out [this video](#) on the Gospel for children.

## Pray

In the Gospel today we see Jesus sending out His disciples in pairs.

- What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this piece of Scripture? How do these words resonate with you personally?
- What an exciting time for the disciples - to go out preaching, teaching and working miracles in the name of Jesus! Have you ever seen Jesus' power at work in your life or in the life of others? Have you ever been able to bring the teaching or healing presence of Jesus to another? Thank Jesus for this.
- Greater than the ability to work miracles is being a child of God our Heavenly Father. What does it mean to you to be a Child of God, an heir of His Kingdom? Reflect on this in prayer this week. What rights and responsibilities does it confer?

## Talk

In today's readings we hear even more about the radical call to discipleship.

- If your family were going on a camping trip, what would you pack? Work together to list the ten most important things! Are there any things people would like to bring that you don't actually need?
- Working together is important for Jesus and His disciples too in today's Gospel. Why do you think Jesus sent His disciples out in pairs?
- What do we actually need to bring the message of Jesus to others?
- How can we work together as a family to make sure Jesus is the centre of our family and of our lives too?

## Family Challenge!

- This week, look for opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ to all you meet! Pray St Teresa of Avila's prayer together (on page 4) at the start of the day.

Check out page 3 for a picture to colour from this week's readings!

**Mission:** The disciples in today's Gospel were so happy when they came back from their mission because they had brought Jesus to other people. Look for ways this week to bring Jesus to others, by your prayers, words or actions!

**Song of the Week!**  
**GOING ON A JOURNEY**



"Yours are the hands with which He is to bless others now."  
St Teresa of Avila

**CHRIST HAS NO BODY NOW BUT YOURS**



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## EVERYONE IS CALLED TO WITNESS TO CHRIST

Today's Gospel begins immediately after the final verse in last Sunday's Gospel. After strong language about the difficulties of discipleship, Jesus immediately appoints 72 people to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sends them in pairs. In the Law of Moses two witnesses were needed for a testimony to be credible. It was probably also a safer way to travel.

Jesus admits it will be difficult, that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves. Yet they are to bring nothing with them, not even a money bag or sandals. They are to greet no one on the way so as not to be distracted from their mission. When they enter a house, their message is simply "peace." The response they will receive may be positive or negative. Either way, they are to know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They are not to demand special treatment but eat and drink whatever is given them. They are to stay in one house and are not to look around for one that provides better accommodations. They are to heal the sick as a sign that the Kingdom of God is at hand for them. Like Jesus' miracles, healing is a sign of the coming of the kingdom. If the town will not receive them, they are to shake the dust from their feet and move on. Even in the case of such rejection they should know that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

When they return from their journeys, they are rejoicing because their mission has been successful. Demons were under their power because of Jesus' name. Jesus may have sent them out as lambs among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage he assures them that they have been given power over the enemy and nothing will harm them, not even serpents and scorpions.

A key theme of today's Gospel and last Sunday's Gospel is discipleship—its challenges, its difficulties, and its rewards. Sharing in the mission of Jesus is difficult, but everyone is called to do it, not just some professionals trained for ministry. Even for us today, the harvest is plentiful. We should pray to the master of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest.

*Loyola Press Sunday Connection*

In today's Gospel, Jesus sends out His disciples in pairs to teach and preach in His name, and to work miracles for all to see. The disciples are amazed at the results, but it's important to remember two things: all this happened through the power of Jesus (not any power of their own), and Jesus reminds them that it is a greater thing to be counted as a Child of God than to be seen to work miracles.

There's a lot of work to be done in the Church today; a lot of people still need to hear the Gospel message proclaimed for the first time, and still many more need to hear it proclaimed correctly and lived out authentically. Before we get stuck into the work, it's important to remember to **be**, rather than just to **do**. **Be** in God's presence and draw from His grace, **be** loved (since we are all God's beloved), **be** a child of God in the arms and heart of their Father. Once we know who we **are**, and Whose we **are**, we can **do** so much more. Then we can really be the hands and feet of Christ, we can bring His love and compassion to others, rather than relying on our own limited strength and resources, because let's face it, on our own we're weak and can run out of steam, but with Christ propelling us, all things are possible!

Pray Teresa of Avila's prayer (on pg4) or listen to the musical version here. Let this become your prayer and guide your actions this week, but remember first to draw your strength from God's love for you!

- [Christ has no Body but yours \(The Porter's Gate\)](#).

Check out "To the Heights" full resource



## Family Prayer

*Christ has no body on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ looks out to the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless others now. (Teresa of Avila)*

## EVENTS

**"Cherished" Cliff Walk, Ardmore:** For women aged 18 - 50. Sat 9th July, meeting at the Church @3pm. Guided Walk (donation €5), followed dinner at Round Tower Hotel (for anyone who would like to stay on). RSVP by Tues 5th July Shauna (087) 1378364

**St Declan's Summer Camp, Ardmore:** Catholic Summer Camp for Primary School Children: Music, Action Songs, Arts & Crafts, Games, Prayer and a whole lot of fun! July 18 - 21 in St Declan's NS. More info on <https://www.holyfamilymission.ie/campa-mhuire-mhathair/>

**Queen of Peace Retreats:** 4-day Medjugorje-style retreat at Glencomeragh Retreat Centre. Thurs 21-Sun 24 July / Thurs 18-Sun 21 Aug / Thurs 1-Sun 4 Sept. Cost: €260. For more info or to book contact [info@hollyfamilymission.ie](mailto:info@hollyfamilymission.ie) or (052) 6133181

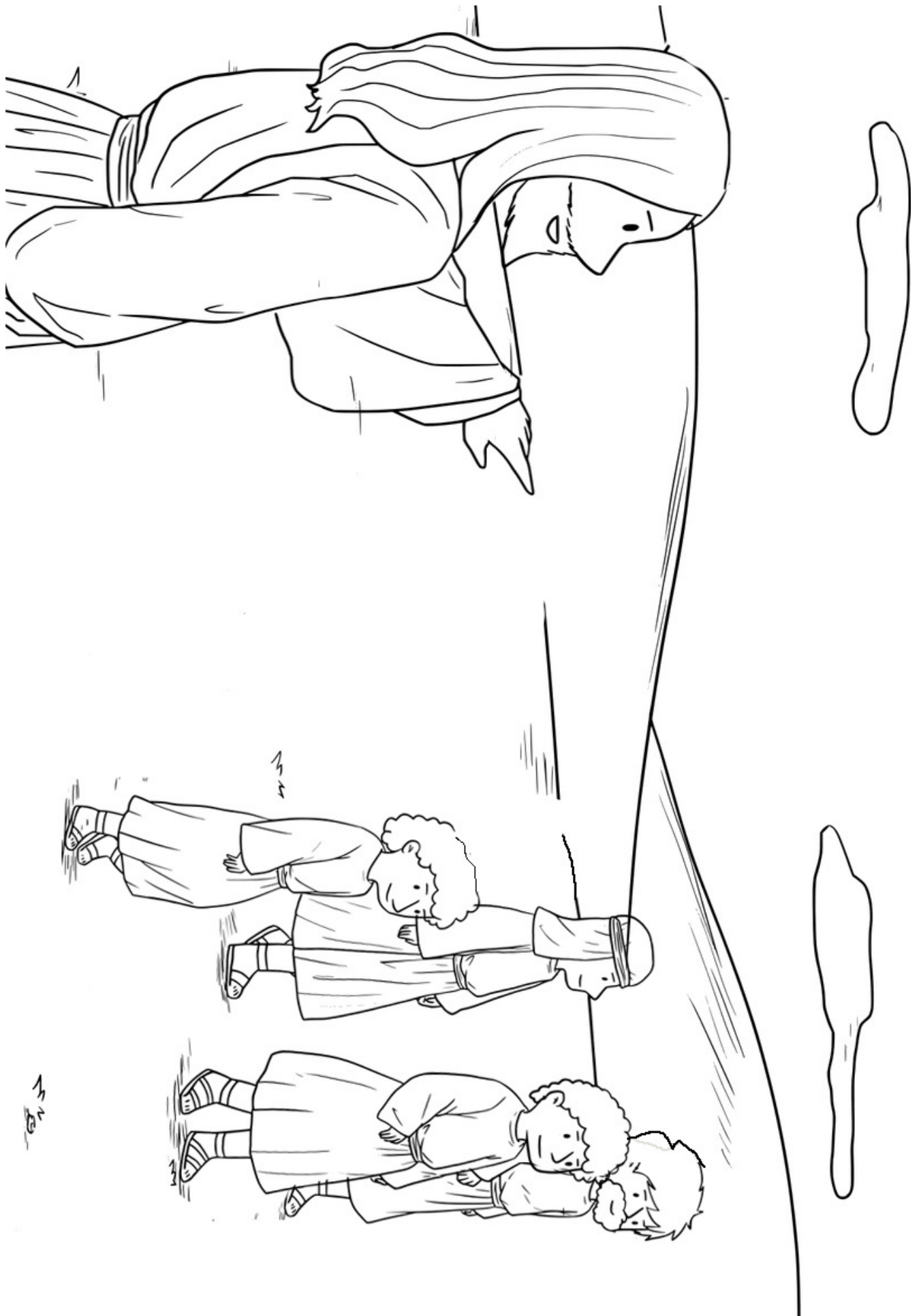
**Youth 2000 Summer Festival:** Ireland's largest Catholic gathering for young people aged 16-35. August 11-14. Donation only. More info on [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

## CHECK IT OUT: LITTLE NELLIE'S BABY BANK



Little Nellie's Baby Bank is an initiative established to provide material support for expectant mothers and families in need. The name was inspired by Waterford's Ellen Organ, also known as "Little Nellie of Holy God". Little Nellie's Baby Bank provides: Clothing - Buggies - Nappies - Baby Equipment. Contact: [babybank@waterfordlismore.ie](mailto:babybank@waterfordlismore.ie) Tel: 085 8623705. Follow on Facebook to see what we have in stock.







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## *Prayer of St Teresa of Avila*

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