

**Sunday between 3 and 9 July**

*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)*

**First Reading - Isaiah 66.10-14a**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Sing for joy with all Jerusalem!

All who love her, rejoice!

Mourn no longer,

for she will be great once again!

And you will be comforted,

like a child in a mother's embrace!

For the Lord will grant her

peace like a river,

and the glory of the nations!

As a mother comforts her child,

so the Lord will comfort you, in Jerusalem.

You will be carried on her arm,

and held in her lap.

When you see it,

your heart will rejoice,

and you will flourish like the tender grass.

And all who serve the Lord

will know

that the hand of the Lord

is with them.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Second Reading - Colossians 1.3-4,9-14**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

We joyfully give thanks to God,

the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

whenever we pray for you,

for we have heard

of your great faith in Christ Jesus,

and the love that you have

for all the saints.

We pray that God will fill you

with the knowledge of God's will,

and with spiritual wisdom and understanding.

And we pray that God will fill you

with all of the glorious power of God:

with strength, and endurance,

with patience, and with perseverance

to lead lives which are worthy of the Lord,

and fully pleasing to the Lord,

so that you can bear fruit,

in every good work, as you grow

in the knowledge of God;

and so that

with us

you can

joyfully give thanks

to God the Father, who has

rescued us

from

the power of darkness

to dwell, forgiven,

with the saints, in light,

in the kingdom

of his beloved Son.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Gospel - Luke 10.1-11, 17-20, 23-24**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

The Lord appointed seventy

to go ahead of him, in pairs, to every

town and place

where he himself

intended to go.

As he sent them on their way,

he said to them,

'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few -

so ask the Lord of the harvest

to send more workers for the harvest.

And yet I send you out

like lambs amongst wolves.

Carry no purse, no bag, no shoes, as you go.

Do not delay your journey

by greeting all those

you meet along the way.

When you enter a house,

offer a greeting of peace.

If your hosts

are people of peace,

your peace

will rest upon them -

and if they are not,

your peace

will return to you.

Remain in the same house, eating and drinking

whatever they provide,

for a worker

deserves to be paid.

When you enter a town, and they welcome you,

eat whatever they offer you,

heal the sick,

and say to them, "The kingdom of God

has come near to you."

When you enter a town, and they do not welcome you,

stand in their streets and say,

"We wipe the dust of this place off our feet

in protest against you.

But still know this: that the kingdom of God

has come near to you."

But the seventy returned with joy,

saying, 'Lord, even the demons obey

when we speak in your name.'

Jesus said, 'I watched Satan fall

like a flash of lightning; for I have given you authority

over all the power of the enemy,

and nothing can harm you.

But the greatest joy

is this: that your names

are written in heaven.

And blessed are the eyes

that see

what you see.

For prophets and kings

longed to see

what you now see,

and to hear

what you now hear.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.