

Reflections on Seventh Sunday of Easter 24B.

Mass: Acts 1:15-17,20-26; Psalm: 102; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11-19.

Sadly, we have almost seen the last of a wonderful generation of priests who came over from Ireland in the 1940's and 50's. these were some of the men who inspired me to become a priest and gave me the support I needed to continue the journey. One in particular I remember well who I asked one day as to why they had come to the Northeast. I expected him to talk about God's call and inspiration. Instead, he told me bluntly that his generation had no choice, there were too many young priests for Ireland and so he had to leave. He came to the Northeast because it was nearer to home than Australia! In other words, there was a need, and he was chosen. Sounds like Matthias. There was a need, and he was chosen. Chosen for the most amazing journey of faith. to be one of the foundations of the Church. It must make us think out our own calling. We are called and chosen to do the task God has chosen for us. We too need to be ready to say yes. But also, we need to see the space and opportunity to call others forward just as the apostles called Matthias. All of us are a part of the foundations of the Church, each of us is called and chosen.