

Thoughts on the Daily Word

23rd Week of the Year. *Tuesday 10th September. Readings: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Psalm: 149; Gospel: Luke 6:12-19.*

I always feel that Paul is a bit hard on these new Christians in Corinth, still trying to find their way in a hostile environment. They are struggling to live out their baptism. In the Gospel we have the early disciples, especially the newly chosen twelve, who are also called out by Jesus to begin a new journey of faith. They too will find it almost impossible to live up to the call of Jesus. They too will fail; they too will receive forgiveness and move forward. The key seems to be what Jesus does. Jesus prays all night, something like the pray before his passion perhaps. Did he sweat blood in choosing these twelve? That commitment to prayer is what makes everything else possible, Luke would appear to be telling us.