

Friday 8 November

Today is Friday, the 8 November, in the Thirty First Week of Ordinary Time.

The Community of Taize sing Veni Sancte Spiritus. Come, Holy Spirit.

Today's reading is from the Letter to the Romans.

We often think that all St Paul was good at was telling off early Christian communities. We forget that he often spent large parts of his letters praising them. This extract from his letter to the Romans is full of paternal pride; Paul is confident in his brothers and sisters because they are 'filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another'. Think about someone from your daily life who inspires you in your own discipleship; give thanks for them.

There can be little doubt that the Church is often seen negatively. What about it gives you most hope? What or who inspires you? Paul sees that Christ is being made present in the members of the early Church. It is through us that others will experience Christ. Are you an ambassador for Christ? Do people see or experience His love in you or through you?

As you listen again to the reading, consider what God might be asking of you.

Paul is clear that we need to remember that we have a duty to spread the Good News of God. As this prayer time ends now, ask God to give you the strength and power you need to use your talents for Him.