

## FR HUGH'S HOMILY FOR 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Every piece of advertising is an invitation. Try this washing powder, go to this supermarket (cheaper than all the others), buy this car (often way out of my price bracket), or gambling in all sorts of ways. It is all an invitation, and we dismiss most of them.

So, when Jesus says. "Come to me," in the gospel our response might be, "So what have you got to offer that is better?" "Good for me, makes my life more exciting or way of life easier, at least temporarily."

The New Testament is basically an explanation as to why we should say, Yes. Follow him.

Most advertising is about things and the superficial.

But, in the second reading, St. Paul is talking about a deeper form of makeover than Gok Wong could aim for. It is not about losing weight or our haircuts but about our whole person and interior way of life.

There is something of such power, good power, that could even raise Jesus from the dead, a Spirit of such enormity, that can and does live within each one of us, waiting to be mobilised by us.

Our mortal bodies are changed because this divine Spirit is living within you and me.

But how do we touch this Spirit? How do we make it feel real to us?

Essentially prayer, just making ourselves available to the voice of God. However it is done. Words, the scriptures, but particularly time spent in listening and let the Spirit really take us over.

Two things we get from the readings around St. Paul. From the first, to find the Spirit within, wait in humility. From the gospel, it is not a question of being learned, but like a child. And any problems that fill our minds will be lifted by Jesus to help us.

Finding the Spirit within, is our challenge this weekend and for always.