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GOD'S WORD

Readings for Sunday

1st Reading

Jer 20: 10-13

Psalm

Ps 68: 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

2nd Reading

Rom 5: 12-15

Gospel

Matt 10: 26-33

Stepping Stones

Staging Posts

We live in a world of rapid change and upheaval, of opportunity and challenge, of progress and failure, of hope and fear, of success and suffering, of generosity and selfishness. It is so easy to be trapped into the present flood of good news and fake news, of opinion and propaganda. We need secure stepping stones or staging posts to enable us to safely navigate the wonders of life's journey.

The current warnings about the risk of local flash floods remind me of being so trapped in the Kerry mountains. After a long day's hiking, we headed for home only to find that the benign stream



across our route had turned into a raging torrent rendering the bridge inaccessible. Fortunately, the local experienced farmer had previously manoeuvred some large boulders into place to facilitate safe passage. It still needed encouragement from companions to jump from one to the next, trusting the wisdom and skill of the farmer who had walked this route before us.

Jesus has given us the stepping stones or staging posts we need in the sacraments and prayer. They are havens where we can renew ourselves in faith, hope and love. His example guides us as we "jump" to escape the entanglements of anxiety and fear. As well as encouraging one another, we have His assurance that we are "more precious than many sparrows. So there is no need to be afraid." (Matthew 10: 32)

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