Friday 29th Week Year 2

Luke 12:54-59

Jesus begins today with something we all know how to discuss: the weather. You notice a cloud and expect rain. You feel the wind and know what is coming. But, he asks, are you paying the same attention to what is happening in your own life?

It’s a good question. We can notice that someone has read our message without replying. We can detect the slightest change in someone’s tone. Yet we can miss the resentment taking root in our hearts, or the person beside us who needs a little kindness.

Jesus invites us to pay attention. Where is God at work today? What needs to change? Is there a conversation I keep avoiding, an apology I keep postponing, a relationship I keep hoping will somehow repair itself?

The second part of the Gospel makes that invitation very practical: try to settle your differences while you are still on the way. Don’t wait until everything has hardened into accusation and bitterness.

That doesn’t mean every disagreement can be resolved immediately. Reconciliation takes honesty, patience and sometimes help. But there may be one step we can take today: listening without preparing our defence, admitting our part, or simply saying, “Could we talk?”

In Ignatian prayer, we ask for the grace to recognise God’s invitations in the ordinary events of our lives. Sometimes that invitation brings comfort. Sometimes it makes us uncomfortable, because we already know what love is asking of us.

Today, let’s ask for the grace to notice—and the courage to respond.