

SEVENTH WEDNESDAY IN EASTERTIDE

Feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury

Reflections: A few years ago I travelled as a pilgrim with members of my previous parish in Leeds to Kent. We went to see the place where Saint Augustine made landfall having travelled across Europe to bring Christianity to our shores. He may not have been the first but he influenced people in the south & with the help of the local royals, our faith became established.

Augustine was a man of integrity. It was the whole of him that converted the people he encountered. He did not preach hollow words. We could say the same about the seventy-two who were sent out in thirty-six pairs by Jesus to prepare the way. If they had just shouted at the villagers, they & their story would have easily been dismissed. They preached from the heart. We are invited to do the same & be evangelists for our time.