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PARISH MISSIONS.



HE first missionary whom our Divine Saviour sent forth to save souls, was His great forerunner St. John the Baptist. Afterwards, it may be said, Parish Missions were begun in regular form on the day when the Master sent out His missionary band of twelve

Apostles, and commanded them to preach, as the Precursor had preached before them, that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand," and that in order to be ready for it the people should "do penance" (Matth. 10, Mark 6, Luke 9). Our Divine Master thus gave His band of missionaries a great, many-sided truth, which they were to bring home to the minds of their hearers, and a practical means of turning that truth to account, which they were to persuade their wills to adopt and embrace in their daily life and conduct.