

## Thursday 31 October

Rom 8:31b-39, Ps 109:21-22,26-27,30-31, Lk 13:31-35

### *From Baptised and Sent*

Christ is the love that dwells forever in us and awakens those who sleep in the sleep of death, the love that is with us from the beginning of our story until the end of time and beyond, that descends into the depths and enters the heavens, that saves us from all fear and slavery and from every enemy and oppressor, that liberates us in the glory of life in communion. He is the love that strengthens us, makes us confident, audacious, invincible, not only towards human and visible enemies, but also before invisible spirits, because God is with us. (p. 195)

### *From Pope Francis*

Paul saw the love of God, an inexplicable love. Every man and woman can refuse the gift and say: 'I do not want it! I prefer my vanity, my pride, my sin. But the gift is there! That gift is the love of God, a God who cannot break away from us. This is God's 'powerlessness'. We say 'God is powerful, and can do all things except for one: be separated from us. Mighty God, the Creator, can do all things yet God weeps and those tears are all love. God weeps over me, when I am separated from love; God weeps over each of us; God weeps for those wicked ones, who do so many bad things, so much harm to humanity. Indeed, God waits, does not condemn, and cries. Why? Because God loves!'

### *From the Good Samaritan Benedictine Story*

<i>We come to bring Christ to ancient hills, To shrines and temples, Among treasures left by artist and by poet, In scroll and in song.</i>	<i>Our round eyes are blind to Christ in this land, In this literature And this people.</i>
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*We work, and await, expectantly, the beginnings of 'The Mission'.  
Slow learners, we find at last, the heart of Mission –  
Christ is here already,  
Christ has been here always...<sup>ii</sup>*

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<sup>i</sup> Morning meditation in the Chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae. "Like a mother hen," Thursday, October 29, 2015

<sup>ii</sup> Rose Pekin SGS, *First Impressions*