

Wednesday 2 October

Neh 2:1-8, Ps 137:1-6, Mt 18:1-5, 10

Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

From Baptised and Sent

Every disciple is missionary because she is sent to proclaim good news, supported and accompanied by angels, divine messengers who keep her open to contemplation as the foundation of mission and to the challenges of the world to which she offers witness. Like the guardian angel to whom each of us is entrusted, the child disciple always sees in Jesus the face of the Father to discover always and in anyone the face of a brother, the existence of a sister, to love (p. 88)

From Pope Francis

Sometimes, when we see the troubles, difficulties and wrongs all around us, we are tempted to give up. It seems that the promises of the Gospel do not apply; they are unreal. But the Bible tells us that the great threat to God's plan for us is, and always has been, the lie. The devil is the father of lies. Often he hides his snares behind the appearance of sophistication, the allure of being "modern", "like everyone else". He distracts us with the view of ephemeral pleasures, superficial pastimes. And so we squander our God-given gifts by tinkering with gadgets; we squander our money on gambling and drink; we turn in on ourselves. We forget to remain focused on the things that really matter. We forget to remain, at heart, children of God. For children, as the Lord tells us, have their own wisdomⁱ

From the Good Samaritan Benedictine Story

Let us consider, then, how we ought to behave in the presence of God and his angels, and let us stand to sing the psalms in such a way that our minds are in harmony with our voices (RB 19:6-7)

ⁱ http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2015/documents/papa-francesco_20150118_srilanka-filippine-omelia-rizal-park.html