

Friday 25 October

Rom 7:18-25a, Ps 119:66,68,76,77,93,94, Lk 12:54-59

From Baptised and Sent

Many people who listened to him and saw his works were astonished and, giving glory to God, said, “We have seen incredible things today” (Lk 5:26). To the disciples of the Baptist, who asked him if he really was the Messiah or if they needed to wait for another person, Jesus responded by pointing to the fruits of his evangelising work: “the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Lk 7:22). (p. 169-170)

From Pope Francis

Bear witness as a holy people. We may be tempted to think that holiness is only for a few. However, “we are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves” ([Gaudete et Exsultate, 14](#))... We choose to be saints by shoring up the outskirts and fringes of our society, wherever our brothers and sisters lie prostrate and experience rejection... It is up to us to fix our gaze on those brother and sister and to offer a helping hand, because they bear the image of God, they are our brothers and sisters, redeemed by Jesus Christ. This is what it is to be a Christian; this is holiness lived on a day-to-day basis.ⁱ

From the Good Samaritan Benedictine Story

Mother Magdelene Adamson had an unquestioning instinct for goodness and rightness that not even chaos itself could have disheartened or put out. These matter-of-fact qualities of disposition and mind enabled her to undertake incredibly heavy burdens... she won to loving affection and trust of the most diverse characters. Children... recognised the essential gentleness and kindness of heart behind the characteristic aversion to any endearing terms of expression, save only that one universal ‘My Child’. Testimonies attest to the even handedness of her government... all speak of her as the most kindly and maternal person... never showing them anything inconsistent in her character.ⁱⁱ

ⁱ http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2018/documents/papa-francesco_20180925_omelia-estonia-tallin.html

ⁱⁱ *The Wheeling Years, Good Samaritans and their Origins*