

## Monday 28 October

Eph 2:19-22, Ps 19:2-5, Lk 6:12-19

### *From Baptised and Sent*

Let us also bear in mind that the group of the Twelve is the prefiguration of the Church, where there must be room for all charisms, peoples and races, all human qualities that find their composition and unity in communion with Jesus. (p. 182)

### *From Pope Francis*

A society grows sick when it is unable to celebrate change in its sons and daughters. A community grows sick when it lives off relentless, negative and heartless complaining, gossip. But a society is fruitful when it is able to generate processes of inclusion and integration, of caring and trying to create opportunities and alternatives that can offer new possibilities to the young, to build a future through community, education and employment. Such a community is healthy. Even though it may feel the frustration of not knowing how to do so, it does not give up, it keeps trying. We all have to help each other to learn, as a community, to find these ways, to try again and again. It is a covenant that we have to encourage one another to keep. Keep fighting, all of you, to seek and find the paths of integration and transformation.<sup>i</sup>

### *From the Good Samaritan Benedictine Story*

*There is a pure joy that is evident in their interactions with one another and with those they welcome, with big smiles and their complete presence. Laughter, song and dance were shared and relished by both visitors and locals, duly recorded by both on mobile phones to be replayed and relived at a later time. It is this community spirit which brings a smile to my face each time I reflect on our week in Kiribati. A sense of connection, a sense of welcome and then belonging, to a people and a place. Like the good Samaritans, the i-Kiribati make a welcome space for everyone, often sitting on the floor, cross-legged under their maneaba, where all can see one another's faces, and expressions as they share a joke, a song and to dance, they absolutely love a celebration.<sup>ii</sup>*

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<sup>i</sup> [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2019/documents/papa-francesco\\_20190125\\_omelia-penitenziale-panama.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2019/documents/papa-francesco_20190125_omelia-penitenziale-panama.html)

<sup>ii</sup> Good Samaritan Education, *Staff Immersion 2018- Kiribati reflections*, <http://goodsameducation.org.au/staff-immersion-2018-kiribati-reflections/>