

Monday 7 October

Jon 1:1-2:2,11, Jon 2:3-5,8, Lk 10:25-37

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

From Baptised and Sent

Only love evangelises effectively. It is not a matter of developing a religion of worship, of morality, of legalistic prescriptions; it is a matter of making neighbours of Christ the wounded women and men that we meet on our roads to Jericho. It is a question of making sure that our meticulously planned programs give priority to caring for the wounded we encounter on our roads. It is about giving first aid with what we have: the oil of mercy and the wine of love. It is about bringing humanity ever closer to God's saving goodness. (p. 106)

From Pope Francis

The Samaritan of the Gospel acts impartially: he does not question the man lying on the ground, before helping him, to know what his provenance and faith are, or to understand if he has been wrongly or rightly beaten. No. The Good Samaritan does not subject the wounded man to any prior examination, he does not judge him and does not subordinate his aid to moral prerogatives, let alone religious ones. He simply soothes his wounds and then entrusts him to an inn. Behind his figure there stands that of Jesus Himself... offering His salvation to every human being.ⁱ

From the Good Samaritan Benedictine Story

The Immaculate Mother of God is our mother also. Each one of us has made her profession, under her loving protection, and each House of the Institute has her as its chief patroness. Each day we have recourse to her in the Hours of the Little Office, and her hymns and antiphons form part of the familiar furniture of our minds... The Litany of Our Lady sung in every house of the Institute on Saturdays, the special devotions for the month of May – customs brought by the Archbishop of Downside and continued in his Benedictine community as long as it existed – were handed on to his newly formed Institute of the Good Samaritans.ⁱⁱ

ⁱ Audience with the Italian Red Cross

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2018/january/documents/papa-francesco_20180127_croce-rossa-italiana.html

ⁱⁱ The Wheeling Years, Our Lady and the Good Samaritans