

## *Saturday 5 October*

Bar 4:5-12,27-29, Ps 69:33-37, Lk 10:17-24

### *From Baptised and Sent*

The word of God today calls us not only to consider the different aspects of the mission, but also to actively discover what these realities reveal to us of God. When we recognise with faith the ways in which God comes and works in us, we can allow the Spirit to carry out this mission to others through us. The profound communion of missionary disciples with Jesus, in his loving, divine unity with the Father, gives joy, passion, and zeal for the missionary effort. (p. 98)

### *From Pope Francis*

It is the symptom of a spiritual sclerosis when we are only interested in objects to be produced rather than on persons to be loved. This is the origin of the tragic contradiction of our age: as progress and new possibilities increase, which is a good thing, less and less people are able to benefit from them. This is a great injustice that should concern us much more than knowing when or how the world will end. Because we cannot go about our business quietly at home while Lazarus lies at the door. There is no peace in the homes of the prosperous as long as justice is lacking in the home of everyone.<sup>i</sup>

### *From the Good Samaritan Benedictine Story*

*“Go and do likewise”. They just do it. They see a need, they have gone and done it. And they are continually doing it. It is not static. It is such a dynamic process that they have got. There is always something new starting, whether it be visiting prisons or the shanties or things within the Kinder School. They are living out that Gospel through and through, 100%!!*

*The sisters are just amazing. I think walking into the Community Centre, walking into the Kinder school and seeing how they live out that parable, in really, really practical ways, it just makes the story come alive. They are the Good Samaritan and Jesus in those places. The way that they give such dignity to these people and they do not discriminate. They give dignity and hope to anyone who is in need. I just saw Jesus in these people<sup>ii</sup>*

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<sup>i</sup> [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2016/documents/papa-francesco\\_20161113\\_giubileo-omelia-senza-fissa-dimora.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2016/documents/papa-francesco_20161113_giubileo-omelia-senza-fissa-dimora.html)

<sup>ii</sup> *Good Samaritan Education* teachers visiting the Good Samaritan ministries in Bacolod, Philippines