

Sunday 13 October

2 Kgs 5:14-17, Ps 98:1,2-4, 2 Tm 2:8-13, Lk 17:11-19

From Baptised and Sent

The mission of the Church brings and communicates the saving grace of God because it recreates men and women from the destruction of sin, from the separation of death. Welcoming the Gospel means entering into the Paschal Mystery of Christ, accepting his re-creating death and contemplating his fidelity in the resurrection. Reborn in the baptismal font, the Church's new Jordan River, and grateful for the undeserved salvation, we are made missionaries in the ordinary experiences of life: get up, go your way, return to your home. (p. 125-126)

From Pope Francis

God surprises us. Are we afraid of what God might ask, or of what God does ask? Do I let myself be surprised by God, as Mary was? Or do I remain caught up in my own safety zone: in forms of material, intellectual or ideological security, taking refuge in my own projects and plans? Do I truly let God into my life? How do I answer God? *God asks us to be faithful*, remember Christ always – and thus persevere in faith. *God surprises us with love, but demands that we be faithful in following him.* We can be unfaithful, but God cannot: God is “the faithful one” and demands of us that same fidelity.ⁱ

From the Good Samaritan Benedictine Story

God takes account of our goodwill: let us not think that we must take up every new idea or book that is presented. Simplicity is a precious quality in our praying, as well as a steady effort to be genuinely faithful... Pray as you can. We are all different: we are indeed unique and we can give God the prayer, the unique gift that he expects, if we are truly ourselves... I need to accept myself AS I AM...ⁱⁱ

ⁱ Mass, Homily of the Holy Father, St. Peter's Square, Sunday, October 13, 2013

ⁱⁱ Philomena Gallagher SGS, *The Good Sams* p355