

## Tuesday 29 October

Rom 8:18-25, Ps 126:1b-6, Lk 13:18-21

### *From Baptised and Sent*

How many times have we been fascinated by the beauty of creation, while contemplating a starry night, sitting along the banks of a river caressed by a light breeze, admiring a sunset or rainbow, or watching children play together happily without regard for race, colour, or social class? How many times have we asked ourselves: Why must this marvellous world, which welcomes us and takes care of us only for a short period, suffer such violence at our own hands? (p. 185)

### *From Pope Francis*

Let us also humbly acknowledge that, if we are honest with ourselves, we too can find the teachings of Jesus hard. How difficult it is always to forgive those who hurt us; how challenging always to welcome the migrant and the stranger; how painful joyfully to bear disappointment, rejection, betrayal; how inconvenient to protect the rights of the most vulnerable, the unborn or the elderly, who seem to impinge upon our own sense of freedom. Yet it is precisely at those times that the Lord asks us: "What about you, do you want to go away too?" (Jn 6:67).<sup>i</sup>

### *From the Good Samaritan Benedictine Story*

*We are wattle and Cherry blossom  
Growing together in the same soil;  
Reaching toward the same sky;  
Nurtured by the same Sun  
Created by the same God.  
Sisters.*

*We are kookaburra and crane  
flying in the same firmament;  
Singing the same song,  
With voices gifted from the same God.  
Songs of peace, love and renewal.  
Sisters*

*We are Uluru and Fuji  
Rising up as guardians of the same earth;  
Bathed by the sky's same tears;  
Shaped by the same hand.  
Creator's gifts to the same world.  
Sisters*

*We are Santa Maria and Seiwa  
Born of the same beginning,  
We look in God's mirror;  
We see each other;  
We see the Spirit.  
We are one.<sup>ii</sup>*

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<sup>i</sup> Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, Introduction, Section III, "The new evangelisation for the transmission of the faith"

<sup>ii</sup> Anne Young, former staff member of Santa Maria College