

Reflection on the Gospel-15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (Mark 6:7-13)

-Veronica Lawson, RSM

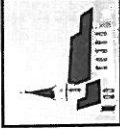
To be a disciple of Jesus is to experience a call. It is also to be sent on a mission in partnership with others, a mission invariably expressed in terms of preaching, teaching, healing, and/or driving out of demons or unclean spirits. In other words, it is to be authorised to do what Jesus did and to proclaim what he proclaimed. When we hear of Jesus casting out demons and telling his disciples to do likewise, we tend to think that whatever they did is something that belongs to another time and has little to do with our contemporary society.

In the cosmology of the time, there was a realm between the divine and the human that was inhabited by good and evil spirits (angels and demons). The divide between these realms was conceptualised as porous so that humans could be protected by the angels or “possessed” by the demons. While the cosmology of the twenty-first century has no “place” for such beings, the contemporary imagination allows space for a metaphorical engagement with the angelic and demonic. When we speak of “demons” now, we are talking about something recognisable in human experience, even if somewhat removed from the “demons” that beset the poor in the Roman imperial provinces of the first century.

Today’s parents spend much of their time casting out the “demons” that beset their children, as do our friends when they sit and listen to the pain in our hearts and help us to let go of the “demons” that so often inhabit our psyches. Many health professionals are paid to heal the hurts as well as the cuts and burns. They drive out the demons of fear and hate and prejudice and of paralysing mental illness. Educators also, aware that learning occurs only when students are relatively free from fear and anxiety, know what it means to drive out the demons.

It is significant that Jesus instructs the disciples to travel light. They need the basics to live and to do their job, but if their mission is to be effective, they must be free from the anxiety that comes from excess. Psychologist and social critic John F. Shumaker suggests that societies with the most material goods tend to be the most anxious. “Mutual respect, community-mindedness, an eagerness to share, reverence for nature, thankfulness, and love of life”, it seems, are the major ingredients for a stress- or “demon”-free personal and community life. There would be no need to shake the dust from our feet for want of hospitality if that were the way we all chose to live. What’s more, there would be enough for all on our planet, the human and other-than-human, to live in dignity and peace.

BULLETIN FOR 15th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B



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MASS TIMETABLE FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, 13th JULY 2015

MONDAY: No Mass
TUESDAY: 11.00 am at Mercy Centre
WEDNESDAY: 11.00 am at Mercy Centre
THURSDAY: 9.30 am in Parish Church
FRIDAY: 9.30 am in Parish Church
SATURDAY: Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10.00 am

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

ST. ALIPIUS SAT 6.00 PM
SUN 9.00 AM
BUNINYONG SUN 10.30 AM

READINGS - THE 16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

First: Jeremiah 23:1-6
Second: Ephesians 2:13-18
Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

RECENT DEATH: Margo Carthew.

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Edgar, Jason Duck O.M.I.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Nell McGettigan, Barb Gleeson, Pamela Hayes, Anthony Conroy, Nathan Cambell, Karen Hayes, Denise Learmonth, Mary-Rose McLaren, Doreen Forbes, Mona Shillito, Cath Wheelahan.

COUNTING TEAMS:

This Week: Team 4: C. Tarquino ©, M. Tarquino.

Next Week: Team 5: J. Moran ©, B. Forbes.



COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

PARISH:	
Envelopes:	\$ 919.00
Loose money:	\$ 300.00
Direct debits:	\$ 1,385.00
	<u>\$ 2,604.00</u>
PRESBYTERY:	\$ 661.00

LITURGY ROSTERS

St. Alipius rosters are available for collection this weekend, near the piety stall.

R.C.I.A. - RITE OF INITIATION OF ADULTS

The R.C.I.A. is a process which begins when people who are interested in becoming Catholic come together with members of the R.C.I.A. team to discuss the personal experiences that have drawn them to question and discover more about the Catholic faith. Those who choose to explore and seek full intuition into the Catholic Church continue through the process of *Enquiry* to the *Catechumenate* and then onto full membership into the Catholic Church. Brochures about the R.C.I.A. are available in the foyer. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic faith please contact Fr. Adrian McInerney at the Parish Office on: 5332 6611.

SUGGESTION

A small group of families and people directly affected by sexual abuse in this parish met recently to discuss how we might mark an admission of the abuse and its effect, and seek to move forward. They suggested that we should consult the parish and ask for ideas. You are invited to make your suggestions via the **suggestion box** at the entrance to St. Alipius church, or by email: ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au

KARUNAI - "A CELEBRATION OF KINDNESS"

Sponsored by Ballarat Rural Australians for Refugees-July 19th from 2 pm to 6 pm. \$15.00 ticket. At Eureka Stockade Hall, Stawell St. Ballarat

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Parishioners are invited to contribute to our annual Winter Appeal. All donations will be used to enable members of the Society to assist the underprivileged and marginalised people in our community.

SVDP relies on donations, principally via our two annual appeals and proceeds of sales from our Vinnies stores to fund our works.

Our stores are currently in need of:

- Winter clothing
- Books

Donations can be delivered to the stores. Items for the Bridge Mall store can be handed in via the Little Bridge St entrance (ring the bell for access). If you are unable to deliver your items, small parcels can be left at the Piety Stall during July. Members will deliver them to the store.

Special envelopes for cash donations are available at the Piety Stall.

FR. BARRY RYAN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

Fr Barry Ryan will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination at the St Columba's Parish Church on Sunday, 19th July at the 10.00 am Mass. A morning tea will be held in the St Columba's Parish Hall (Howard Street) following Mass. All are most welcome.

DISASTER RELIEF in NEPAL FUNDRAISER

Loreto College, Ballarat, is holding a fundraiser movie night for disaster relief in Nepal. The movie is "Paper Towns" on Friday, 17th July at 7.00 pm at the Regent Cinemas, Ballarat. Ticket prices are adults \$15.00 and students/children \$10.00. To book contact Catherine Baker on 5329 6137 or online at www.loreto.vic.edu.au/events.

STEWARDSHIP STATEMENTS

The next lot of statements/envelopes for the Stewardship Program are not due to go out until mid September. If you would like your statement for the last financial year please leave your details with the Parish Office on 5332 6611.

"THE MAN FROM U.N.C.L.E."

See notice board for details of this fundraiser for Mates4Mates. Contact Genevieve Willmott for more information and/or to book.