

Reflection on the Gospel-14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C (Luke 10:1-12, 17-20)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

present leadership and the unfailing support of the local communities. A crisis can function as the catalyst for restoring right order and relationship and for the development of new initiatives. Half a century ago, the Second Vatican Council reminded us that the Church is first and foremost the People of God and the Body of Christ, and not primarily a hierarchical institution. While there is little doubt that this is the time of the laity in the Church, it has taken a drastic reduction in the numbers of clergy and religious for lay Catholic women and men to recognise that they are called, by virtue of their baptism, to much more prominent roles in the life and mission of the church. The so-called "crisis of numbers" is also leading many priests and religious to rediscover the heart of their respective calls to leadership and prophetic challenge. Prior to Vatican II, theological and biblical education was largely the preserve of the clergy. That has changed and will need to change even more dramatically if lay women and men are to be properly resourced to take their rightful place in the Church. Instead of bemoaning the crisis and looking for interim measures to "fill the gaps", we might look for signs of the Spirit at work in leading us into new ways of being Church.

In today's gospel, we hear that Jesus chooses "seventy others" and sends them out in pairs. Thirty-five couples or "pairs" constitute a formidable resource for the mission. They are authorized to be bringers of peace and healing, proclaimers of God's kingdom. They are to travel light and accept the hospitality offered them.

Given the presence of women in the inner circle of Jesus' followers (Luke 8:1-3), it is likely that at least some of these pairs were married couples. Further support for this comes from Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, which features a married couple, Priscilla and Aquila, as prominent itinerant missionary associates of Paul. They are Jewish refugees who find a home in Corinth in the aftermath of Claudius' expulsion of the Jews from Rome. They are well established in Corinth as tent makers and offer hospitality to Paul when he comes to Corinth. When Paul leaves for Syria, they accompany him as far as Ephesus. In Ephesus, Priscilla is presented as a confident woman theologian who takes the initiative in calling aside the eloquent and well-educated Jewish teacher, Apollos of Alexandria, who has an "accurate" but "incomplete" knowledge of Jesus.

In our communities, there are faith-filled, talented, and courageous couples like Priscilla and Aquila, as well as countless single lay women and men, who are willing to commit their talents and personal resources for the sake of the mission. They need the authorization of the local communities.

BULLETIN for THE 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C



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MASS TIMETABLE FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, 4th JULY 2016

MONDAY:	No Mass
TUESDAY:	2.00 pm Funeral Mass for Nic Naus in Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Buninyong
WEDNESDAY:	11.00 am in 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	10.30 AM
BUNINYONG	SUN	9.00 AM

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

READINGS -	First:	Deuteronomy 30:10-14
	Second:	Col 1:15-20
	Gospel:	Luke 10:25-37

RECENT DEATHS: Kevin Sharry, Nic Naus, Fr Mick Fitzpatrick.

ANNIVERSARIES: Norm Rouhan

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Nell McGettigan, Pamela Hayes, Nathan Cambell, Karen Hayes, Denise Learmonth, Cath Wheelahan, Marinna Lenkic, Barbara Keirl, Mick Kent, Mary Barnett, Frank Forbes, Terry McGarry, Kevin Walsh, Margaret Gallagher, Peter McDonald (Ocean Grove), Christian Ashby, Robert Stevenson, Gerard Molloy, Marie Lindorff.

COUNTING TEAMS:

This Week: .**Team 7:** K. Cummins ©, J. O’Meara, B. Hood, G. Duck.

Next Week: .**Team 8:** B. McKeegan ©, K. McKeegan, M. Ridsdale.



COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

PARISH:	Envelopes:	\$	915.00
	Loose money:	\$	300.00
	Direct debits:	\$	<u>680.00</u>
		\$	1,895.00
PRESBYTERY:		\$	886.00

**ST ALIPIUS PARISH
PROFIT & LOSS
JULY 2015—JUNE 2016**

Income

Donations & Gifts	13,711.54
Interest Income	12,831.21
Stewardship Program	198,311.10
Sundry Income	<u>11,917.45</u>
Total Income	236,771.21

Expense

Administration	13,505.76
Capital Expenses	23,185.28
Levies	24,721.17
Liturgical	2,780.13
Pastoral Groups	9,305.55
Property Costs	42,123.12
Repairs & Maintenance	8,222.58
Salary Associated Costs	32,230.45
School Subsidies	<u>6,000.00</u>
Total Expense	165,074.04

Net Income **71,697.17**

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL

We invite you to be part of our “Rethink Homelessness this Winter” appeal. To give you some indication of the work of SVDP locally we share with you the following statistics.

In the first five months of this year the Society has distributed support to the value of \$244,000 within the Ballarat area. 82% of this was for food aid. During this period we have experienced a 12% increase in the number of people seeking assistance.

We are most grateful for the support we received from our parish as it enables us to continue our support for those in need.

Envelopes are available at the Piety Stall.

All donations are used in the Ballarat area and donations of over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE POPE 2016

Will be taken up this weekend .

BALLARAT DIOCESE LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY PROGRAM

The Ballarat Diocese has initiated a Lay Pastoral Ministry Program that offers opportunities for formation, study, support and accreditation for lay workers, both employees and volunteers, in the diocese.

On-line study—a wide range of subjects presented as short courses—you can do one subject or many. Subjects are offered six times a year and you can start at whichever time suits you.

Full information is on the diocesan website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (under Services & Agencies/Pastoral Ministry) or contact Amanda Smith, ph: 5337 7125; 0427 748 867 or email: amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Brochures are on the Notice Board.

HOUSEKEEPING JOB

Local Buninyong family is looking for a housekeeper—2 days a week, 4 hours a day. General house duties.

Cooking simple meals.

Please contact Brigid on 0404 738 628.

VICTORIAN WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR

The fundraising concert last Sunday raised over \$2000.