

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

-Veronica Lawson RSM

It is not unusual for a crisis to function as the catalyst for the development of new initiatives. In the 1960s, 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 we are living in 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 recognize 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 either to leadership in faith or to prophetic challenge. Prior to Vatican II, access to theological and biblical education was largely restricted to the formation of 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 kin-dom. 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 Emperor Claudius’ expulsion of the Jews from Rome. They are 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 commit their talents and personal resources for the sake of the gospel mission. Many of them are prepared to do more if they can find the acceptance to function effectively. They need the authorization of the present leadership and the unfailing support of the local communities.

ST ALIPIUS PARISH—BALLARAT EAST

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C

*Our parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity
of all children and vulnerable adults.*

St Alipius’ Parish Church

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CLERGY AND STAFF

Administrator: Fr Kevin Maloney VG **Parish Coordinator:** Lucy O’Beirne
Child Safety Officer: Roxanne Leed **Finance Officer:** Kerrie McTigue
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WEEKDAY MASSES COMMENCING MONDAY, 8th JULY 2019

MONDAY: No Mass
TUESDAY: No Mass
WEDNESDAY: 9.30 am Mercy Convent (Victoria St)
THURSDAY: 9.30 am St. Alipius’ Church
11.00 am Mercy Place (Corbett St)
FRIDAY: 9.30 am St. Alipius’ Church

NEXT WEEKEND’S MASSES

ST. ALIPIUS SAT 13th July 6.00 PM
SUN 14th July 10.30 AM
BUNINYONG SUN 14th July 9.00 AM

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C

READINGS **First:** Dt 30:10-14
Second: Col 1:15-20
Gospel: Lk 10:25-37

RECENT DEATHS: Lena Macklin

ANNIVERSARIES: Edward Duck, Eileen Duck, William Duck, Kathleen Duck.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Nathan Cambell, Denise Learmonth, Cath Wheelahan, Alison Rice, Fiona Dickinson, Carmel Doherty, Aurora Ferrer, Leonie Sinnott, John Darroch, Eleanor Keating, Terry Foran, Cathy Jones, Pauline Stapleton, Fred Marouff.

COUNTING TEAMS

This Week: Team 5: M. Stewart ©, M. Anderson, R. Reynolds
Next Week: Team 6: K. Cummins ©, J. O'Meara, B. Hood, G. Duck

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

PARISH:	Envelopes:	\$ 828.70
	Loose:	\$ 300.00
	Direct Debits:	\$ 1848.00
		\$ 2976.70
PRESBYTERY		\$ 650.00



We welcome and pray for Paddy Allan who will be baptised in our parish this weekend.

As administrator of the parish of Ballarat East, Peter Sherman has asked me to pass this message on to you:

"It is with deep sadness that I inform you that after my three months sabbatical, I am unable to return to the parish and serve among you. The reasons are personal and certainly not related to my experience of the parish. I have been very happy ministering in the communities of Ballarat East and Buninyong and it has been a privilege to live my faith and commitment to Jesus Christ within such a faith filled and resilient communities. I am very grateful to the many parishioners who in so many ways assisted and supported me in the parish, and while the responsibility of leadership was overwhelming at times I will always be grateful for the opportunity and encounters. My hope is that together we grew as "progressive disciples" and will continue to do so in the future."

I, along with you, wish Peter all the best in his future endeavours and give thanks for his many years of ministry in the diocese.

Kevin Maloney

EVENTS

A social afternoon will be held on **Wednesday 10th July** in the Mercy Centre at 2.00pm. Please enter via Gent Street. All welcome.

MERCY ASSOCIATES' FUNDRAISER

Mercy Associates are holding a fundraiser for McAuley Community Services for Women on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at the Regent Theatre Ballarat, 10.00am. Tickets are \$25.00 for "The Lion King" movie and high tea. Raffle and door prizes also. For tickets or more information contact Ursula Diamond-Keith, ph. 0407 717626 or the Mercy Office, ph. 5331 7774.

BISHOP PAUL BIRD'S 70TH BIRTHDAY

Mass to celebrate Bishop Paul's 70th birthday will be celebrated on Friday, July 19, 2019 at 12.05pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. All are welcome to attend.

LITURGY

Volunteers Needed

At St Alipius church, we are still looking for people to help out with the data projector. For more information contact the parish office or leave a message on the sapliturgy.net.au website using the contact form.

JOY SPREADING IS BACK!

A social event for young Catholic adults (18-30) featuring an inspiring talk, some free food & drink, and the chance to connect with other young Catholics in the area. The next gathering will be held at the Golden City Hotel on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 from 6.30pm where The Vicar General, Fr Kevin Maloney, will be presenting a short talk. For more information, visit the Youth & Young Adult Ministry page of the Diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or contact Patrick, ph. 5337 7160.

PLENARY COUNCIL

Plenary Council – National Theme for Discernment #2

"How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal?" This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire for individuals and groups within and also beyond the Church to find a better welcome and be incorporated more into her life and mission.

Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Position Vacant – Plenary Council Discernment and Writing Group Chairs and Members

As we move into the Listening and Discernment stage of preparation for the Plenary Council 2020, the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council is seeking people who are willing to be leaders and partners in the process of discernment. Opportunities are available to apply to be the Chair, or to be a member, of one of six Discernment and Writing Groups. For more information, visit www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/plenary_council, the Office for Employment Relations website www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au or contact Ms Olivia Lee, ph. (02) 9919 7822.

Email olivia.lee@catholic.org.au. Applications close on July 22, 2019.

CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS—INFORMATION EVENINGS

Loreto College: Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7.00pm at the Mary's Mount Centre.

St. Patrick's College : Thursday, October 24, 2019 at the OCA Pavilion.

100 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION ST MARY'S PS SWAN HILL

St Mary's Primary School Swan Hill are looking for photos or memorabilia that could feature in displays and publications about their history. If you can help, please contact Kate Quin or the school office, ph. 5033 2541.

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be closed over the school holidays and will re-open on Tuesday, 16th July at 9.30am. Requests for the mass-sheet can still be left via email, phone or through the mail-slot of the parish office (presbytery).

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE POPE

Please note that the annual collection for the Holy Father will be taken up this weekend.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

Copies of the Pastoral Letter from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference are available in the foyer.