

Reflection on the Gospel-15th Sunday in Ordinary Time C
(Luke 10:25-37)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The present ecological crisis calls us to new ways of being neighbour. We used to speak in terms of thinking globally and acting locally. If we are to be neighbour in our times, we need to think cosmically as well as globally and to act globally as well as locally. Thinking cosmically means embracing the entire 14 billion year story of our expanding and evolving universe. It means accepting our cosmic identity and our intimate connectedness to the whole of creation. Thinking cosmically elicits wonder and respect for all created being and especially for God who is the Source and the Sustainer of all that exists. Cosmic thinking provides a context for acting globally and locally, for being neighbour in our local and global environments.

Today's gospel story is about being neighbour. It foregrounds the human characters and their relationships with each other. The lawyer who questions Jesus is trying to catch him out. He addresses Jesus as "teacher" and Jesus demonstrates that he is indeed a teacher when he puts the question back to his interrogator and invites him to answer his own question. Like Jesus' audience, this legal expert knows the Jewish law regarding love of God and love of one's neighbour. He answers Jesus' first question correctly. This leads to another "test" question: "Who is my neighbour?" The lawyer would know very well that the neighbour for a Jew was another Jewish male. Jesus responds with a subversive story that ends in yet another question: "Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the bandits?" The lawyer cannot avoid the obvious answer, though it would cost a Jewish legal expert dearly to admit that a Samaritan could be neighbour to a Jew in need. Rather than utter the word "Samaritan" he answers obliquely, "the one who showed mercy".

The Samaritan in the story is said to be "moved with compassion", literally "moved in the depths of his being". The Samaritan befriends the wounded traveller and draws on earth resources to care for him: fabric to bind the wounds, wine and oil for healing, his "own animal" as transport, finance for accommodation, companionship at the inn, provision for ongoing care. The story offers the shocking suggestion that a Samaritan knows more about love of God and of neighbour than do those who officiate in temple worship, namely the priest and the Levite who "pass by".

ST ALIPIUS PARISH—BALLARAT EAST

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C

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

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WEEKDAY MASSES COMMENCING MONDAY, 15th 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 20th July 6.00 PM

SUN 21st July 9.00 AM

BUNINYONG SUN 21st July 10.30 AM

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C

READINGS **First:** Gen 18: 1-10

Second: Col 1:24-28

Gospel: Lk 10:38-42

RECENT DEATHS: Margaret Tuddenham (Sebastopol)

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Kent, Jason Luke Duck OMI

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Nathan Cambell, Denise Learmonth, Cath Wheelahan, Alison Rice, Fiona Dickinson, Carmel Doherty, Aurora Ferrer, Leonie Sinnot, John Darroch, Eleanor Keating, Terry Foran, Cathy Jones, Pauline Stapleton, Fred Marouff.

FINANCE

COUNTING TEAMS

This Week: Team 6: K. Cummins ©, J. O'Meara, B. Hood, G. Duck
Next Week: Team 7: B. McKeegan ©, M. Ridsdale, K. McKeegan

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

PARISH:	Envelopes:	\$ 1190.20
	Loose:	\$ 300.00
	Direct Debits:	\$ 375.00
		\$ 1865.20
PRESBYTERY		\$ 481.00



We welcome and pray for Florence Bourke, Brooklyn Roberts and Harper Roberts who will be baptised this weekend.

EVENTS

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.

SS PETER & PAUL'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL EVENT

Thanks to everyone for your enthusiastic and creative suggestions for Buninyong church community social events to be held in the hall. These were collected at morning tea after Mass a few weeks ago, and the list has been added to since. Suggestions include: soup and sandwich brunch, film, wine and cheese night, mid-week lunch, pre-Mass breakfast, carpet bowls and sing-a-long at morning tea! We thought we might kick off with a **Soup and Sandwich/Savoury Brunch after 10.30am Mass on Sunday 21st July**. Soup will be provided. If you are bringing a plate, sandwiches or savouries would be really appreciated thank you.

YESS YOUTH GROUP INVITATION

YESS is the St Pat's Cathedral parish youth group where 13-18 year olds can come together each fortnight to share a meal, play games, join conversation, praise and worship, and celebrate their faith. The first session in Term 3 will be held on Sunday 28th of July. Interested families are warmly invited to contact youth leaders Felicity Liston, Emily Walker, and Cecilia Streckfuss at yessballarat@gmail.com or search 'YESS St Pat's Ballarat' on Facebook.

PLENARY COUNCIL

NATIONAL THEME FOR DISCERNMENT #3

"How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Prayerful and Eucharistic?" This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared how deeply they treasured the Eucharist and the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church. 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.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS—INFORMATION EVENINGS

Loreto College: Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7.00pm at the Mary's Mount Centre. Applications for Year 7, 2021 enrolments close on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 4.00pm. For further information please visit our website www.loreto.vic.edu.au.

St. Patrick's College : Thursday, October 24, 2019 at the OCA Pavilion. To register your attendance please go to www.trybooking.com/BDEBO The application closing date is Friday, December 6, 2019 at 4.00pm.

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.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The annual statements and/or planned giving envelopes for the current financial year are available for collection at masses this weekend. Please collect your statement and/or envelopes from the back of the church.