

# Today is Friday the 17 September, the feast of St Robert Bellarmine SJ, in the 24th week of Ordinary Time.

Today's reading is from the Gospel of Luke.

## Luke 8:1-3

**Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources**

Jesus was "proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God".

What did this mean to you as you listened?

What do you notice about Jesus' companions? What does the story tell you about Jesus' friends?

What does it mean to say that the women "provided for them out of their own resources"? Is there some way in which you could do that yourself?

Now listen as the passage is read once more.

Finally, just look at what has been going on for you during this time, and see if you can gather it all into a prayer to God in your own words

## Let us pray.... +

Lord, you know  
I'm not in the best of form today.  
No longer do I feel your inspiration.  
In my weakness  
I pray for all the people  
I will meet during this day.  
As your ambassador, I am concerned  
that I might present  
a distorted image of you.  
So be with me, Lord.  
Be the strength in my weakness,  
and give me some inspiration  
and some enthusiasm  
that I may bring your Good News of love  
to those whom I will meet today.  
Amen.

Saint John Baptist de La Salle

Pray for us!

**Jesus**  
LIVE  
IN OUR  
HEARTS  
FOREVER

