

*When the rubber hits the road...*

Study 2, 30 November: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Mark of Mission

## **Tend:** ‘When I needed a neighbour’

Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)



*Christ Has No Body*

Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
Compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.  
Christ has no body now but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
compassion on this world.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

### **Some Bible readings:**

The Two Great Commandments: Matthew 22: 36-40

‘Just as you did it to one of the least of these...you did it to me’: Matthew 25: 34-40

See also Matthew 10:40

Some aspects of love:

Compassion: Matthew 20:34

Healing: Matthew 15:30

Invitation to 'recharge': Mark 6:31

Hard questions: Luke 18:18- 23

Openness: John 12:27; John 11:35

**Discussion questions:**

- 1) How are we living out this third Mark of Mission, Tend, in our diocese and our parish?
- 2) What else could we be doing, in our parishes and as individuals?
- 3) What questions do you find hard to ask?
- 4) What are some of the ways others have 'tended' you? Have you felt uncomfortable and resisted being looked after by others?
- 5) Are there any other Bible stories that speak to you about this theme of 'tend'?