Thought for the Week 7th July 2019 14th Sunday in Ordinary time

The Gospel reading today could not be more ironic given the climate we are now in.

Who in their right minds would go out today telling (advising!) others how they should live their lives? Strangers or otherwise? We do not like to be told what to do because we have our own, firm ideas of what is best for us.

And yet we hear today that there is plenty of work to be done and the Lord of the Harvest needs as many 'men of peace' to go out like lambs among wolves and be the labourers in His harvest.

I think it is clear to all that there is a lot of work to be done, and maybe very hard work for a long time to come, it seems.

But we are also assured by the Lord of the Harvest himself, of the *rich* harvest that is there – and this is what we must focus on as we do our small bit to navigate and adjust ourselves, peacefully in His field.