

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Eighteenth Sunday in Ord. Time
Year C, 31 July, 2022

Embracing the communities of
Cherbourg, Goomeri, Murgon,
Proston and Wondai



Unity in Diversity ... being one in Christ through Baptism!

Reflection by Pope Francis

Pope Francis commented on the day's Gospel passage taken from Saint Luke (12:13-21), in which a man asks Jesus to tell his brother to divide his inheritance with him. The Lord responds to the request with a parable about a rich man who, in the abundance of his wealth, contemplates new ways of storing up his earthly treasure, only to discover that his life would be taken from him that very night.

The parable illustrates the problems often caused by an attachment to money, the Pope said. "How many families have we seen destroyed by problems over money: brother against brother; father against sons!" He continued, "when a person is attached to money he destroys himself, he destroys his family".

However, the demonisation of money is not the answer, the Bishop of Rome noted: "Money contributes greatly to many good works for the development of the human race". The real problem is a distorted use of money, attachment and greed. Hence the Lord's warning: "Take heed and beware of all covetousness" (Lk 12:15).

The Pope explained that covetousness and the constant ambition to have more and more money "leads to idolatry" and ends in destroying "our relationships with others". It causes man to become spiritually ill by leading him into a vicious cycle in which his thoughts are consumed by money.

Covetousness is so dangerous "because it takes us down a road

opposed to the one God has traced out for man". Indeed, quoting the Apostle Paul, the Pontiff said: "Jesus Christ, though he was rich made himself poor in order to enrich us". There are two roads man can take: "God's road of humility, of bending down to serve" or "the road of covetousness, which ends in idolatry".

Pope Francis noted that this is why Jesus speaks so forcefully about the attachment to money: "for example, when he tells us: 'you cannot serve two masters' or when he exhorts us 'not to worry, for the Lord knows what you need'; or again when he leads us to trustful surrender to the Father, who makes the lilies of the field grow and feeds the birds of the air".

The attitude of the rich man in the parable stands in sharp contrast to this attitude of trust in divine mercy. The rich man could only think about the abundance of grain he had harvested and the goods he had accumulated. As Pope Francis pointed out, "he could have said to himself: 'I will give this to someone else in order to help them'. Instead, covetousness ruled his thoughts and led him to say: 'I will pull down my barns and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods'".

Covetousness, the Pope added, is an attitude that conceals the ambition to attain a kind of "idolatrous divinity". The rich man's own words bear witness to this: "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many
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August is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Pope's Prayer Intention:

For small businesses: We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

Mass Times Next Week

Tuesday, 2 August

Gayndah, noon

Wednesday, 3 August

Wondai, 5.00pm

Thursday, 4 August

Murgon, 5.00pm

Friday, 5 August

Castra, 9.00am

Saturday, 6 August

Proston, 9.00am

Wondai, 5.00pm

Sunday, 7 August

Murgon, 8.00am

Gayndah, 10.30am

Goomeri, 6.00pm

Today's readings

Ecclesiastes 1:2;2:21-23;

Colossians 3:1-5,9-11; Luke 12:13-21

Response:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

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years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry". However, the Pope noted, this is precisely when God leads him back to the reality of his utter creatureliness. "Fool! This night your soul is required of you".

"The road [of covetousness] is foolishness" Pope Francis said, "for it leads us away from life; it destroys human brotherhood". In contrast, the royal road the Lord paved for us "is not a path to poverty for poverty's sake" but rather "an instrument so that God might remain God and the only Lord" of our lives.

Pope Francis concluded, praying: "May the Lord's word remain in our hearts today" for "even if a man has an abundance of wealth, his life does not consist in his possessions".



Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to a special celebration of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, patron of the Archdiocese, on her feast day, **Monday 8 August**. Mass will be celebrated at **10.00am** in the **Cathedral** followed by morning tea in the surrounding grounds. To RSVP, email rsvp@bne.catholic.net.au or call (07) 3324 3200



Holy Mary
pray for us



Saint Peter Faber – 2nd August

Saint Peter Faber, a master of the Spiritual Exercises, was the first of Saint Ignatius Loyola's six companions. Peter Faber and Ignatius met in Paris, where Faber had come to study after life as a shepherd on the mountains of Savoy. Peter Faber was the first of the companions to be ordained.

Peter Faber had a gentle spirit and a tendency to be very hard on himself. Ignatius proved to be the perfect mentor for him, and Faber eventually became the master of the Spiritual Exercises. While hard on himself, Faber was gentle with others and became a gifted pastor of souls, winning others for Jesus.

Faber was sent to Germany in 1541, where he found the state of the Church in such disarray that it left his heart "tormented by a steady and intolerable pain". He worked for the renewal of the Church a person at a time, leading many in the Spiritual Exercises. Princes, prelates, and priests would especially find Peter Faber a gentle source of instruction and guidance leading to renewal.

Between 1544 and 1546, Peter Faber tirelessly continued his work in Portugal and Spain. Throughout all of his mission years in Germany, Spain, and Portugal, Faber travelled on foot. His final journey in 1546 was to Rome where, exhausted from his labours, he died in Saint Ignatius's arms at the age of 40.

Pope Francis announced the canonisation of Peter Faber on 17 December, 2013.



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Safeguarding

If you have experienced abuse or misconduct, you can ring the help line, **1300 304 550**. Information can be shared anonymously.

We pray for those who are sick:

Bevan Barsby; Cira; Renee Elliott;
Scottie Ewart; Justine Forde;
Kathleen Hoult; Val Iacono;
Annette McCorry .

Collection for 24/7/2020

Loose.....	\$352.35
Planned Giving.....	\$300.00
Total.....	\$652.35



Parish Bottle Stall

The parish will be holding a Bottle Stall at the Murgon Street Carnival on in **October 2022**. Donations of bottles of all kinds would be appreciated.

Your bottles can be left in the parish office or in your church. Any donation must be in by the last Sunday in September. Bottles can be glass or plastic.

Types of bottles: soft drinks, beer, wine, jam, chutney, sauces or anything that will go in a bottle.

Please check the 'use by' dates.