

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ord. Time
Year C, 18 September, 2022

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



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

We Cannot Serve Two Masters – Pope Francis

We cannot serve two masters so we must choose between God and money. Speaking about the message of the Gospel readings in these days leading up to the beginning of Lent, Pope Francis said we are called to reflect on the relationship between God and money. In Monday's reading, he noted, the rich young man wanted to follow the Lord, but his wealth led him to follow money instead.

Jesus' words in this story worry the disciples, as he tells them it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. In today's reading from Saint Mark's Gospel, the Pope said, we see Peter asking the Lord what will happen to them as they have given up everything to follow him. "It's almost as if Peter is passing Jesus the bill," Pope Francis exclaimed.

Peter didn't know what to say: the young man has gone his way, but what about us? Pope Francis said Jesus' reply is clear: I tell you there is no-one who has given up everything and has not received everything. You will receive everything, with that overflowing measure with which God gives his gifts.

The Pope repeats the Gospel words: "there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel, who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children

and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."

The Lord is incapable of giving less than everything, the Pope said: when he gives us something, he gives all of himself.

Yet there is a word in this reading, he continued, which gives us cause for reflection: in this present age we receive a hundred times more houses and brothers, together with persecutions. The Pope said this means entering into a different way of thinking, a different way of behaving. Jesus gives everything of himself, because the fullness of God is a fullness emptied out on the Cross.

This is the gift of God, the Pope insisted, a fullness which is emptied out. This is also the Christian's way of being, to seek and receive a fullness which is emptied out and to follow on that path, which is not easy, he stressed. How to we recognise that we are following this path of giving everything in order to receive everything, he asked? The words of the first reading of the day tell us to "pay homage to the Lord, and do not spare your freewill gifts. With each contribution show a cheerful countenance, and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy". Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means.

A cheerful face and eyes full of joy, the Pope said, these are the signs that we're following this path of all and nothing, of fullness emptied out. The rich young man's face fell and he became very sad, because he was not

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September is the month of the Seven Dolors of Mary, The Sorrowful Mother

Pope's Prayer Intention:

For the abolition of the death penalty: We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Mass Times Next Week

Tuesday, 20 September

Gayndah, 12 noon

Wednesday, 21 September

Wondai, 5.00pm

Thursday, 22 September

Murgon, 5.00pm

Friday, 23 September

Castra, 9.00am

Saturday, 24 September

Proston, 9.00am

Wondai, 5.00pm

Sunday, 25 September

Murgon, 8.00am

Gayndah, 10.30am

Goomeri, 6.00pm

Today's readings

Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8;

Luke 16:1-13

Response:

Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Next Sunday: Amos 6:1,4-7;

1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

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capable of receiving and welcoming this fullness emptied out, but the saints and Peter were able to receive it. Amid all their trials and difficulties, they had cheerful faces and hearts full of joy.

Pope concluded by recalling the Chilean saint Alberto Hurtado who worked with the poor amidst such difficulty, persecution and suffering, yet his words were "I'm happy, Lord, I'm happy". May he teach us to follow this difficult path of all and nothing, of Christ's fullness emptied out and to be able to say at all times "I'm happy, Lord, I'm happy".



Saint Kim Taegon Andrea –20th September

Saint Kim Taegon Andrea, generally referred to as Saint Andrew Kim Taegon, was the first Korean-born Catholic priest and is the patron saint of Korea.

In the late 18th Century, Roman Catholicism began to take root slowly in Korea and was introduced by lay people. In 1836, Korea saw its first consecrated missionary members of the Foreign Missions Society arrive. They found out that the people there were already practicing Catholicism.

Born of Korea's traditional ruling class, Kim's parents converted to Catholicism which was prohibited heavily in Confucian Korea – his father was subsequently martyred for practicing Christianity. After baptism at age 15, Kim studied at a seminary in the Portuguese colony of Macau. During his seminary years, he also spent time in Lolomboy, Bocaue, Bulacan, Philippines, where his statue was erected in the village. He was ordained a priest in Shanghai in 1844, by the French bishop Jean-Joseph-Jean-Baptiste Ferréol. After ordination, he returned to Korea to preach and evangelize.

In those days, the Joseon Dynasty ruled the country and Christianity was suppressed thereby causing many Christians to be persecuted and executed. Catholics had to covertly practice their faith. Kim was one of several thousand Christians who were executed during this time.

In 1846, at the age of 25, he was tortured and beheaded near Seoul on the Han River. Before Bishop Ferréol died from exhaustion on February 3, 1853, his final wish was to be buried beside Kim, the young seminarian whom he ordained. He was very much affected by the death of Andrew, the young martyr.



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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;
Val Iacono; Annette McCorry .

Collection for 11/9/2022

Loose..... \$367.15
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He remarked, "You will never know how sad I was to lose this young native priest. I have loved him as a father loved his son. It is a consolation for me to think of his eternal happiness".

On May 6, 1984, Pope John Paul II canonised Kim along with 102 other Korean Martyrs, including Paul Chong Hasang, during his trip to Korea.



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