

Wednesday 23 October

Rom 6:12-18, Ps 124:1b-8, Lk 12:39-48

From Baptised and Sent

Those who decide to exclude God from their hearts will not find it easy to welcome their neighbours and to recognise the divine plan for them. The Gospel declares that the Lord will come again as a judge and all people will have to account for their own lives. It is not a threat. It is not part of God's pedagogy to force himself on us with the spectre of punishment. The Christian community is the home of the Father where life and love are celebrated. It is the choices of each us of that will result in reward or exclusion. (p. 160-161)

From Pope Francis

A heart full of desire. We all have desires. The poor ones are those who have no desire, no desire to go forward, toward the horizon; and for us Christians this horizon is the encounter with Jesus, the very encounter with him, who is our life, our joy, our happiness. I would like to ask you two questions. First: do you all have a desiring heart? A heart that desires? Think about it and respond silently in your hearts. I ask you is your heart filled with desire, or is it a closed heart, a sleeping heart, a heart numb to the things of life? The desire to go forward to encounter Jesus. The second question: where is your treasure, what are you longing for? Jesus told us: where your treasure is, there will be your heart — and I ask you: where is your treasure? What is the most important reality for you, the most precious reality, the one that attracts your heart like a magnet? What attracts your heart? May I say that it is God's love? Do you wish to do good to others, to live for the Lord and for your brothers and sisters? May I say this? Each one answer in his own heart.ⁱ

From the Good Samaritan Benedictine Story

*No matter what your work is, even if it is only picking up straw or bits of paper, do it well and do it for God.*ⁱⁱ

ⁱ Angelus, St. Peter's Square, Sunday, August 11, 2013

ⁱⁱ Mother Scholastica Gibbons