

Lectio Divina

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| ➤ Read and re-read, out loud and slowly the Gospel | ➤ Pray - Thanksgiving - Repentance - Petition |
| ➤ Meditate on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life | ➤ Action - Attitude (Call to change / to do) |
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September 25th 2016 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C - Luke 16:19 - 31

In this week's gospel we read about the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man dressed in fine linen and royal purple, the dye which was obtained from exotic shellfish and was available only to the very wealthy. The colour was a status symbol. He was rich in privilege and wealth. Lazarus came each day to eat the crumbs which the rich man provided. The rich man was not punished because he was rich but because he failed to notice him or call him by his name.

How do we spend our money and time which are God given gifts to be used for the good of all? Are we so pre-occupied with our goods that we fail to notice those less well off?

Prayer:

Lord we thank you for the people you send us who recognise our loneliness and feelings of being ignored and rejected who bring us to a new place where we feel safe and cherished.

Forgive us for the times that we failed to notice those crying out for our help and in a quiet way often give us hints of how they feel. Help us to bring the right values to our children and all those around us teaching them that it is not always fine linen and feasting magnificently that are important but being kind and compassionate to those less well off.

