

# Newtbec

NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

HOPE: BELIEVE, LIVE AND GIVE

MONTHLY THEME:

BRIDGING CULTURAL BOUNDARIES

## THE MEASURE



### YOU GIVE

## IS THE MEASURE

## YOU WILL RECEIVE

St Paul's message to the Church in Corinth (2 Cor 8) is a universal message for us. It reflects the organic growth of the early Christians. As the Church grows and matures in Corinth, the people come together in charity to reach out to the poor in Jerusalem. They want to reciprocate what the missionaries from Jerusalem have done for them to make them 'excel in every respect, faith, discourse, knowledge.' St Paul urges them to go the extra mile to also excel in the gracious act of giving. It follows the footsteps of Jesus whom Paul says, 'that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.'

SCRIPTURE QUOTE  
TO MEMORISE:

"Do not  
be afraid;  
only have  
faith."

(Mk. 5: 36)

One of the fundamental teachings of the Church's social teaching is to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first. As Paul teaches, we are not to impoverish ourselves, but we are to share from our abundance. 'The world has enough for everyone's need, but not enough for everyone's greed,' says Mahatma Gandhi. Providence has seen to this, alas, the reality is far from the ideal. It is not uncommon to hear that those who have surplus want to keep it for 'rainy days.' Yet St Paul urges us to share, at the same time to trust in God to provide for our needs.

This self-giving act is not about one's duty toward the poor, but it is living in the fullness of Christ, as 'all things were created through him and for him.' The 1st reading from Wisdom 1 tells us today that, 'God fashioned all things that they might have being and the creatures of the world are wholesome.'

The selfless life of St Vincent de Paul is one which we can emulate. He immerses himself in Christ through the ordinariness of daily living, which ultimately leads him to find his calling: CHARITY. He lays down his life and gives himself to the service of the poor, and he encourages everyone to do the same from one's state of life, be it as a priest, religious, or lay.

The measure you give is the measure you receive so freely give like Christ as we see him giving life to Jairus' daughter and healing the woman with a haemorrhage.  
**It is truly in giving that we receive. ✨**

SCRIPTURE  
of the DAY

Wis 1, 13-15; 2, 23-24;

Ps 29, 2, 4-6, 11-13;

2 Cor 8, 7. 9. 13-15;

Mk 5, 21-43  
(or 21-24, 35-43).