

Reflections on 18th Sunday of Year 25C.

Mass: Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23; Psalm: 89; Colossians 3:1-5,9-11; Luke 12:13-21.

We are in the midst of a world economic crisis that is unfolding around us. The world went for massive economic growth, especially in China. We all benefited more or less and very few really queried the wisdom of how we went about this. Our dependency on China for goods and Russia for energy was revealed first by the pandemic and then by war in Ukraine. Now President Trump shakes the world up with tariffs. Things are going to get even more difficult over the coming year. As usual, it will be the poorest who bear the greatest burden. In some ways today's Gospel epitomises the approach of more and more barns, with the belief that sometimes we could sit back and enjoy the benefits. Lack of planning and forethought to say nothing of care for the poorest has been sadly missing. Colossians reminds us that a focus on Christ is not just a religious practice but also a setting of priorities that will make a difference to all of our lives.