

Thoughts on the Daily Word

21st Week of the Year. *Saturday 31st August. Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Psalm: 32; Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30.*

It is hard to know who actually made up the Christian community of Corinth. Later on, Paul will challenge them with just how they conduct their eucharists. The shared meal, which made up the eucharistic gathering in those early days, was meant to be a true sharing between rich and poor. In Corinth the rich kept the best food and drink for themselves and left the scraps to the poor. This would indicate real differences in the community. Paul, however, challenges them to see that they have no worldly gifts or reputation. That they are in fact insignificant in worldly terms. God chose them, not the other way round! God chose them because truly they were poor in worldly terms. The gift of Christ gave them everything. That gift, so beautifully described in Matthew's Gospel as a 'talent' beyond reckoning. The talents were worth many billions in today's terms. Such is the meaning of the gift of Christ and the call to share that gift with others.