

## Reflection Monday Week 29 – 2023

In a reflection on the Gospel today from St Luke, Joseph G Donders writes that Luke does not believe Jesus is against wealth. Jesus is against the selfish, self-centred use of wealth. You can be as rich as you can be providing you always put Jesus first and live in a Christ-like way. Being with Jesus leads people to a new way of living that unavoidably encourages them to be loving and caring, to work for justice and peace and to promote the development of anything that would bring those qualities about.

Our wealth, our gifts and our talents should be used to build the reign of God. Our founder Emmanuel d'Alzon did just that. He came from one of the wealthiest families in France that had royal connections. He used the wealth of his family to develop the apostolates of the Assumptionists and also offered financial support to other emerging religious congregations at that time. He almost bankrupted the family. It seems that there are groups of the wealthy who invest in projects that benefit the poor and deprived in society who would otherwise receive no support whatever.

Our prayer today comes from the Alleluia antiphon:

*“Teach me your paths, O Lord. Make me walk in your truth!”*