

Reflection Thursday 2nd Week Lent 2024

The divide between the Rich Man and Lazarus on earth was immense and it speaks loudly of the ever-growing divide between the rich nations and the poor nations today which continues to grow bigger despite our efforts. Only in death did the rich man realise how big that divide had become because he had no recourse to help even if Lazarus was willing to do so.

Fr Martin Hogan: *This parable challenges us not to allow a chasm to develop between us and those who, although physically close to us, live in a very different world to the one we inhabit. The rich man in the parable lived in his own world and made no effort to enter the world of the beggar at his gate. We can all insulate ourselves in our own world. We are challenged to enter the world of other people something that Pope Francis continually asks us to do. We also need to allow others to enter our world. That is what Jesus did; he entered our world and invited us to enter his world. We are able to do the same for each other. When we cross the threshold into the world of other people, into the world of those who have different lives from our own in all kinds of ways, we may discover that we not only have something to give the them but that they have a great deal to give to us as well. The closer we are to other people the more we all benefit.*

Jesus knew this.