

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY

First Reading

Wisdom 12:13,16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16

Response: O lord, you are good and forgiving.

O lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice.

Response

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God.

Response

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me.

Response

Second reading

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord

Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-43

Let them both grow till the harvest.

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: The Kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of the seeds, but when it has grown, it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this, Jesus spoke to the crowds in Parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!

The Gospel of the Lord.

"And the Lord who is your leader, he himself will be with you: he will not leave you, nor forsake you: fear not, neither be dismayed". (Deut;31:8)

- We now have permission to open Blessed sacrament church for Mass. Today we have one Mass at 10am. We have only 25 seats. It will be pre booked. Call the parish line to reserve a seat. As a requirement you will be asked to give your contact details which will be kept for three weeks, for the purposes of contact-tracing. From the 26th we will increase the number of Masses and we can book online at barnsleynorth.hallam-diocese. Hopefully the site will be open by Thursday.
- St Mary Magdalene Cudworth is open for Private prayers Saturdays 12noon to 1pm.
- **Caritas Hallam Counselling Service**

We understand the challenges and disruption COVID 19 is having on the quality of life and mental health. We offer support in managing anxiety as we leave lockdown; coping with working from home; uncertainty in a changing society; social distancing and loneliness.

We are now able to offer Counselling for Men by Men!

Our regular quality assurance reviews guarantee high standards of service by our practitioners.

You do not have to go through this alone.

Please contact Bernie Ware: 07980 406198

- We still need volunteers who would serve as ushers during Mass and cleaners who would help to clean the church after every use. Volunteers must be below 70years and without underlying health conditions. If you can volunteer, please email or call the Parish Priest.
- We thank our Parish society of St Vincent de Paul for all they are doing. They have some vouchers to give out to those in need. You can contact the society in the strictest confidence on 07598078758 or by Email: svpnebarnsley@gmail.com
- There is no intention to close any of our parishes at this time. We hope to reopen all the churches at some time. At the moment, because of the requirements, we have to open only one church for Masses.
- St Marymagdalene church cudworth is open for private prayers Saturday 12noon to 1pm.
- Next Sunday we have 3 Masses. Saturday evening 6.00pm. Sunday morning 8.00am and 10.00am. All Masses at Blessed Sacrament Church. We encourage the use face masks.
- We Thank Fr John for all the work he did while with us and pray God to bless him and his new ministry as the Parish Priest of Balby and Edlington.

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16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



When you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest..." What God is our God? Does He not know that the wheat is suffering? Sharing space and manure with the darnel? Is He insensitive? For how long would the wheat suffer this ... till harvest? This would be typical of human thinking. We consider as far as our faculties can carry us. Our God sees beyond. The darnels are left to grow in order not to destroy even one wheat. God has our good at heart every time. He says to us in Jer. 29:11 "For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end" let these words of our God console us. He has not abandoned us to the power of the evil one. Good shall prevail. May the eyes of our mind be enlightened that we can see the hope following Jesus holds for us. Peace be with you!