

First reading

1 kings 3:5,7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now i do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118(119):57,72,76-77, 127-130

Response: Lord, how I love your law!

My part, I have resolved, O lord is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold.

Response

Let your love be ready to console me, by your promise to your servant. Let your love come and I shall live for your law is my delight.

Response

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold, why I rule my life by your precepts, and hate false ways.

Response

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple.

Response

Second reading

Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this? They said, 'yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.

The Gospel of the Lord

Reflection

I see Jesus as the man who found a treasure in a field, sells everything he owes in order to buy the field. He considers us valuable and what would he not do to purchase us. The crucifix is a reminder of the price he paid for our salvation. He wishes us to understand how valuable and precious we are and treat one another as such. That there will be 'the end of time', one of the teachings of Jesus, even though less talked about today, is again highlighted. Chosen people, let us rejoice in the love that God has for us and strive to radiate that love. Peace be with you!

Week 17 in Ordinary time

Sunday vigil	6.00pm	Margaret Whittaker RIP
Sunday	8.00am	Veronica Ross (healing)
Sunday	10.00am	People of the Parish
Tuesday	8.am	Bernard Blackledge
Wednesday	8.am	Bradbury Family RIP
Thursday	8.am	Pat Cassidy Family RIP
Friday	8.am	Private Intention

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday 02/08/2020

Saturday	6.00pm	Margaret Whittaker RIP
Sunday	8.00am	Norah Warzyts RIP
Sunday	10.00am	People of the Parish

Announcements

- To book for seat(s) at Mass online, visit our website [www.barnsleynorth.hallam-diocese.com](http://www.barnsleynorth.hallam-diocese.com) and follow the instructions.
- 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. Book online or phone the parish office.
  - 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.
- The Parish Society of St Vincent de Paul 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](mailto:svpnebarnsley@gmail.com)

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17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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