

First reading

Thus says the Lord: Oh come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144(145):8-9,15-18

Response: You open wide your hand, O Lord; you grant our desires.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

Response

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live.

Response

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

Response

Second Reading.

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:35,37-39

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

Isaiah 55:1-3

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and leaving the towns went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and took pity on them and healed their sick. When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'this is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'there is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' Bring them here to me' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection

Our readings today evoke the love and compassion the Lord has for his people. The first reading is a generous invitation from God to his people. To us. Inviting us to come to him to be satisfied. In our second reading, Paul responds to God's love he feels and experiences in him. He responds for us as well. Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ. Not even the persecutions, not the ship wrecks, not the difficulty of moving from one place to another proclaiming the good news could discourage the early disciples. The Love of God urged them on. Brethren, let us pray especially in this time, that we may not lose faith, but trust in his love for us. Peace be with you!

18th Sunday 02/08/2020

Saturday	6.00pm	Margaret Whittaker RIP
Sunday	8.00am	Norah Warzyts RIP
Sunday	10.00am	People of the Parish
Tuesday	<u>8.00am</u>	<u>People of the Parish</u>
Wednesday	<u>8.00am</u>	<u>Private intention</u>
Thursday	<u>8.00am</u>	<u>People of the Parish</u>
Friday	<u>8.00am</u>	<u>Healing for the Sick</u>

19th Sunday 09/08/2020

Saturday	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8.00am	Private intention
Sunday	10.00am	People of the Parish

Announcements

- We say a big thank you to our volunteers. For giving their time coming out to clean the church, sanitise the church and the pews after every use. Thank you.
- To book for seat(s) at Mass online, visit our website www.barnsleynorth.hallam-diocese.com and follow the instructions. You can also call or email the parish office. You can access our weekly newsletter online.
- St Mary Magdalene 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 of 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 70 years 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

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
02/08/2020

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