

First reading Isaiah 2:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call you my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. I place the key on the house of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 137:1-3,8

Your Love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
You have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
Which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered:
You increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
And the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
Discard not the work of your hands.

Second Reading Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Alleliua! Alleliua!

God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you, say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ', he said, 'the Son of t not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reflection

In asking the disciples this question, Jesus is not expecting just to hear the titles people had given him. He expects more than that. Some people believed him to be Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets. But for the disciples, represented by Peter, Jesus is the Messiah. The Son of God. This confession of Peter is very significant in Jesus' ministry. Having been with him for some time, listening to his teachings and witnessing the miracles he performed, they have come to believe him to be the Messiah.

Though they would have the problem of reconciling the Messiah and suffering as would see in the Gospel of next Sunday. People who believe Jesus to be one of the prophets have no allegiance to him as the Messiah. But those who acknowledge him as the Messiah have allegiance to him as so. The location where Jesus chooses to ask this question is equally worthy of note. A polytheistic, wealthy and politically strategic region. Those who are true to Jesus as the Messiah would always choose him above every other thing. Jesus declared that this truth is revealed by God and because Peter has this revelation, Jesus declared him the rock upon which he would build his Church. The Church since then has professed this truth. The challenge today is to personalize this profession. Fidelity to Jesus the Messiah.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 23/08/2020

Saturday	6.00pm	Anne Ruddy RIP
Sunday	8.00am	Cath McNicholas Intention
Sunday	10.00am	People of the Parish
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>8.00am</u>	<u>Fr Joseph Taylor 80th Birthday</u>
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>8.00am</u>	<u>Michael Pennington</u>
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>8.00am</u>	<u>Helena Ormond RIP</u>
<u>Friday</u>	<u>8.00am</u>	<u>Private Intention</u>

22nd Sunday 30/08/2020

Saturday	6.00pm	Mr & Mrs McGill (Anniversary)
Sunday	8.00am	Tom McNicholas (3 rd Anniversary)
Sunday	10.00am	People of the Parish

Announcements

- All those who are attending churches must wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so. This is for the good of all who gather in the Church for Mass as it is an enclosed public space where there are people from differing households who they do not normally meet.
- Hospital. In the meantime, Priests will only go into the hospital in response to a request from the Hospital switchboard or ward staff. Anyone in the hospital that requires a visit from a priest should please go through the nurse or switchboard. This will be in emergency only. There will be no Holy Communion rounds until further notice.
- 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 Marymagdalene church Cudworth is open for private prayers Saturday 12noon to 1pm.

Quiz

1. Who was the first Apostle to be martyred?
2. How many chapters has the Book of Psalms?

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