

**First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9**  
**A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah**

**Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he till near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways are not your ways – it is the Lord, who speaks. Yes the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.**

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

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 144:2-3,8-9,17-18**  
**The Lord is close to all who call him**

I will bless you day after day  
And praise your name forever.  
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
His greatness cannot be measured.

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.

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.

**Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24. 27**

**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

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

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.**

**Alleluia**  
**Gospel Matthew 20:1-16**

**A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired us,” they answered. He said to them, “You go into my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to the bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals, and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Reflection cont.**

When I have compared myself to others and felt jealous that they have less trouble than I do. And that moment when I have realised that everything is grace. In the new order, the Lord asks us to trust him as a just and loving friend. He asks us not to be afraid, that the resources the resources will not be enough for the world, and give up hoarding. He asks us to realize that what we have is grace and our gifts are for the common good. He asks us to be concerned about bridging the gap between the poor and the rich. He asks us to be our brothers and sisters keepers. This has been at the centre of the social teaching of the Catholic Church.  
Peace be with you!

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 20/09/2020

Saturday	6.00pm	Pauline Rooke RIP
Sunday	8.00am	Anita Briggs
Sunday	10.00am	People of the Parish
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>8.00am</u>	<u>Rihanne Breen RIP</u>
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>8.00am</u>	<u>Michael Stacey Jnr Healing</u>
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>8.00am</u>	<u>Francis Shields</u>
<u>Friday</u>	<u>8.00am</u>	<u>Brian Nuttall RIP</u>

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday 27/09/2020

Saturday	6.00pm	Brian Nuttall RIP
Sunday	8.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday	10.00am	Brian Nuttall RIP

**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.
- All weekdays Masses are private for the foreseeable future.
- 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](http://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 12 noon to 1pm

Thank you to all parishioners for your generous offertory donations. Thank you

We welcome Fr Jude Lemeh CM. Fr Jude will reside at St Mary Magdalene Presbytery and serve in the Deanery, and as hospital Chaplain.

We have requested to re-open St Mary Magdalene for Mass. We await the bishops response, hopefully that will happen soon. After that, we will work towards re-opening St Teresa's as well, hopefully in the coming month.

**St Teresa's**

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**Blessed Sacrament**

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**Reflection**

Our readings today invite us to repent. To change our ways of thinking and think the way God does. To sin is to be rebellious against God. It is following a different way. '...for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways are not your ways' show how different the sinners' ways and thoughts are from God. 'Yes, the heavens are as high above the earth as my ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.' This is not to say that we cannot attain the ways or thoughts of God, but to show how far the sinners' way and thought have drifted from the ways and thoughts of God. Having said that, in our dealings with one another; the Lord is proposing a new order. The Parable of the Gospel is among those difficult to interpret. This is so especially when we approach it with the logic, "the more you put in, the more you get out", which happens to be the operating system of our world. But when we allow it to speak to us, we identify ourselves as the characters. As a parent or spouse, when I have devoted more time and resources to that weak child, or to make the relationship work. That moment when I have complained that I have put in much and get little. (Continue on page 3.)