

First Reading

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you so not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95: 1, 3-5, 7-10

Give the Lord glory and power

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens,

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the people in fairness.

Second Reading

Thessalonians 1:1-5

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and preserved through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Your word is truth, O Lord,
Consecrate us in the truth.**

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 18/10/2020

Saturday	6.00pm	Michael Pennington RIP
Sunday	8.00am	Pat Merry (2 nd Anniversary)
Sunday	10.00am	Veronica Ross (Healing)
<u>Monday</u>	<u>1.30pm</u>	<u>St. Mary Magdalene Funeral Mass Eileen Sargesson</u>
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>8.00am</u>	<u>Ken S. Johnson RIP</u>
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>8.00am</u>	<u>Pauline Rook RIP</u>
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>8.00am</u>	<u>Andrew McLaughlin RIP</u>
<u>Friday</u>	<u>10.00am</u>	<u>People of the Parish</u>

30th Sunday 25/10/2020

Saturday	6.00pm	Brian Nuttall RIP
Sunday	8.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday	10.00am	Peter Osbourne 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.
- 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 Hbly 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.

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

We are expecting permission from the Bishop to reopen St Teresa's, Darton, hopefully in the coming days. We are looking at reopening from the 1st November - 1-11-2020

From 1st NOVEMBER 2020 - Mass Times are as follows:

St Mary Magdalene - Saturday 6.00 pm
 St Teresa's Sunday 9.30 am
 Blessed Sacrament Sunday 11.30 am

Weekdays Masses are private EXCEPT Fridays at Blessed Sacrament

St Teresa's

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Blessed Sacrament

Matlock Road Athersley S71 3SG

St Mary Magdalene's

Prospect St. Cudworth S72 8JS

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Gospel Reflection

The Gospel reading today tells us about the joint conspiracy against Jesus by two extreme groups, the Pharisees and the Herodians. They came to ask Jesus if it was lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not. If He says yes, he will be pleasing the Herodians, and offending the Pharisees, and the reverse will be the case if he says no. But the Lord asked them to repay Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to repay God what belongs to God. To 'repay' means to give back after receiving. What then are the things that belong to Caesar and the things that belong to God (Ps 24: 1-2)? What actually did they receive from Caesar? The question about paying or not paying tax to Caesar is an organised attack on Jesus. However, Jesus turns it into a moment of great lesson by asking them to fulfill their civic responsibilities, without neglecting their religious obligations.

Christians are to care for all of God's creation according to His will, never according to ideologies opposed to His will. All 'Caesars' belong to God and must give account of their stewardship. We may also have created different types of Caesars that are now keeping us in bondage. They may be our habits, our jobs, our relationships, our choices, our attitude and desires. May we always remember that our lives and our souls belong only to God.

Peace be with you!