

First Reading Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14-16

A Reading from the Book of Samuel

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.' But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great' the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 88:2-5, 27, 29

I will sing of your love, O Lord

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages.'

He will say to me: 'You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure.

Second Reading St Paul 16:25-27

A Reading from the First letter of St Paul to the Romans

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scriptures has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, Alleluia

I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 1:26-38

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you O Lord

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis – FOURTH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR - “Stretch forth your hand to the poor” (Sir 7:32)

8. This year's theme - "Stretch out your hand to the poor" – is thus a summons to responsibility and commitment as men and women who are part of our one human family. It encourages us to bear the burdens of the weakest, in accord with the words of Saint Paul: "Through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself'... Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." (Gal 5:13-14; 6:2).

The Apostle teaches that freedom bestowed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ makes us individually responsible for serving others, especially the weakest. This is not an option, but rather a sign of the authenticity of the faith we profess. Here again, the book of Sirach can help us. It suggests concrete ways to support the most vulnerable and it uses striking images. First, it asks us to sympathize with those who are sorrowing: "Do not fail those who weep" (7:34). The time of pandemic forced us into strict isolation, making it impossible even to see and console friends and acquaintances grieving the loss of their loved ones. The sacred author also says: "Do not shrink from visiting the sick" (7:35). We have been unable to be close to those who suffer, and at the same time we have become more aware of the fragility of our own lives. The word of God allows for no complacency; it constantly impels us to acts of love.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT B 20/12/2020

<u>Saturday</u>	6.00pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday</u>	9.30am	Tom Holley
<u>Sunday</u>	11.30am	Anne Bamforth RIP
<u>Tuesday</u>	10.00 am	People of the Parish St. Ter.
<u>Wednesday</u>	10.00 am	Terry Boyle Nephew (Recovery) St. M.M.
		<u>CHRISTMAS VIGIL</u>
<u>SMM</u>	6.00 pm	Angela Hardy RIP
<u>St Ter</u>	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
<u>Bl Sac</u>	7.00 pm	People of the Parish
		<u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u>
<u>St Ter</u>	9.00 am	People of the Parish
<u>Bl Sac</u>	10.00 am	Monica McNicholas (Intentions)

THE HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

<u>SATURDAY</u>	6.00PM	TINA HARVIE RIP
<u>SUNDAY</u>	9.30AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
<u>SUNDAY</u>	11.30AM	STEPHEN PAUL TAYLOR RIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Face Masks - 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 an emergency only. There will be no Holy Communion rounds until further notice.

To book seat(s) at Mass online, please visit our website

www.barnsleynorth.hallam-diocese.com

Follow the instructions. You can also call or email the parish office.

You can also access our weekly newsletter online.

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

PLEASE AFTER MASS

WE ARE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCE – FROM COMING INTO CHURCH TO LEAVING THE CHURCH

St Teresa's 125 Club will run from January 2020 to December, can we please have subscriptions before the end of January. Thank you.

Blessed Sacrament – Thank you to parishioners for the generous donations to Missio - The Red Box Appeal, it raised £170.

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

VIGIL MASS

6.00 pm – St. Teresa's

6.00 pm – St Mary Magdalene

7.00 pm Blessed Sacrament.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

9.00 am St. Teresa's

10.00 am Blessed Sacrament