

## **First Reading Acts 15:1-2,22-29**

### **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

### **The Word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

## **Responsorial Psalm. Psalm 66:2-3,5-6,8**

**Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him.

## **Second Reading Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23**

### **A reading from the Book of the Apocalypse**

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the of the radiant glory of God, and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.  
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## **"New Hallam News Project"**

Since the last edition of the Hallam News, the communications group wants to thank you all for the warm welcome to Catalina. And it is encouraging everyone to contribute with ideas. At this stage of the project we are welcoming all the ideas. *How do you dream of the new Hallam News? What kind of news would it have? Which topics or subjects would the articles talk about?* If the answers to these questions pop into your mind, please get in touch with Catalina Cacia at [communications@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:communications@hallam-diocese.com) and join the team to make this project go forward and be the voice of everyone in the diocese.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'**

**Alleluia**

## **Gospel John 14:23-29**

The Lord be with you

**And with your spirit.**

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home in with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## **FRATELLI TUTTI**

*A gratuitousness open to others*

139. Even so, I do not wish to limit this presentation to a kind of utilitarian approach. There is always the factor of "gratuitousness": the ability to do some things simply because they are good in themselves, without concern for personal gain or recompense. Gratuitousness makes it possible for us to welcome the stranger, even though this brings us no immediate tangible benefit. Some countries, though, presume to accept only scientists or investors.

140. Life without fraternal gratuitousness becomes a form of frenetic commerce, in which we are constantly weighing up what we give and what we get back in return. God, on the other hand, gives freely, to the point of helping even those who are unfaithful; he "makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good" (*Mt* 5:45). There is a reason why Jesus told us: "When you give alms, do not let your right hand know what your left hand is doing, so that your alms may be in secret" (*Mt* 6:3-4). We received life freely; we paid nothing for it. Consequently, all of us are able to give without expecting anything in return, to do good to others without demanding that they treat us well in return. As Jesus told his disciples: "Without cost you have received, without cost you are to give" (*Mt* 10:8).

141. The true worth of the different countries of our world is measured by their ability to think not simply as a country but also as part of the larger human family. This is seen especially in times of crisis. Narrow forms of nationalism are an extreme expression of an inability to grasp the meaning of this gratuitousness. They err in thinking that they can develop on their own, heedless of the ruin of others, that by closing their doors to others they will be better protected. Immigrants are seen as usurpers who have nothing to offer. This leads to the simplistic belief that the poor are dangerous and useless, while the powerful are generous benefactors. Only a social and political culture that readily and "gratuitously" welcomes others will have a future.

**Pope Francis**

		<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	
<u>Saturday</u>	6.00 pm	Fr Joseph Taylor (Good health)	St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	9.30 am	Mary Morales	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	11.30 am	Ossie Osbourne RIP	Bl Sac
<u>Saturday</u>	Reader	Christine Nuttall	St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Chris Horbury & Ann Worth	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Ann H	Bl Sac
<u>Tuesday</u>		NO MASS	St Ter
<u>Wednesday</u>	11.30 am	David Viyazhante - Funeral Mass	Bl Sac
<u>Thursday</u>	10.00 am	Ascension of the Lord - People of the Parish	St MM
<u>Friday</u>		NO MASS	Bl Sac

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.00 PM</b>	<b>AMANDA CAMPBELL'S INTENTIONS</b>	<b>ST MM</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9.30 AM</b>	<b>ALFRED MORALES ANNIVERSARY</b>	<b>ST TER</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>11.30 AM</b>	<b>STEVE CLAY ILL</b>	<b>BL SAC</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>CHRISTINE RUDDY</b>	<b>ST MM</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>CHRIS DEIGHTON &amp; CHRIS KELLY</b>	<b>ST TER</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>MAX</b>	<b>BL SAC</b>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERTORY DONATIONS**

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

**St Ter Envelopes £210.70 Loose Money £20.00**  
**St MM Envelopes £189.00 Loose Money £63.50 Raffle £37.00**  
**Bl Sac Envelopes £173.00 Loose Money £41.40 Raffle £27.00**

**NOTICE FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOP'S CONFERENCE, ENGLAND AND WALES**  
**"In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person."**

**QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE PARISHES CELEBRATION**  
**FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2022 FROM 3.00 PM**

Still time to add your name to the list to attend, and add your choice of food, Afternoon Tea or Barbeque.

Although tea/coffee will be provided, if you wish to bring other drinks (including alcohol) please feel free to bring your own.

If you wish to volunteer to help in any way please add your name to the list at the back of Church.

If you wish to make a voluntary contribution to the cost of this event there is basket at the back of Church. Thank you.

Final planning meeting WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> May 7.00 pm St Mary Magdalene

**St Teresa's**

**Blessed Sacrament**

**St Mary Magdalene's**

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**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**SYNODAL JOURNEY - NEXT STEPS**

Would your parish or group like to spend some time on retreat together, reflecting on the synod responses from the parish and discerning the way ahead? Here are two opportunities available:

1. An away retreat. Loreto Spirituality Centre, Llandudno will host a "Synodal journey: Next Steps retreat from August 4-7<sup>th</sup>.

If a group from your parish are interested in going away together for a few days (one to four days available) please get in touch.

Closing date for booking is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 in order to secure a place at the retreat house.

2. A retreat in daily life.

If your parish would prefer to meet weekly for 6 weeks for an hour and a half each week, to reflect and discern your next steps, either in person or online, and would like support with this (materials, facilitators, check-ins) do get in touch at:

formationandmission@hallam-diocese.com





