

First Reading Malachi 1:14-2, 8-10**A Reading from the Prophet Malachi.**

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we all not one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 130**Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.**

O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me.

Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul.

O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and forever.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13**A Reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.**

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good news to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 23:1-12

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seat in synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in market squares and having people call them Rabbi. 'You however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

FRATELLI TUTTI - CHAPTER EIGHT (Final Chapter)**AN APPEAL**

285. In my fraternal meeting, which I gladly recall, with the Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, "we resolutely [declared] that religions must never incite war, hateful attitudes, hostility and extremism, nor must they incite violence or the shedding of blood. These tragic realities are the consequence of a deviation from religious teachings. They result from a political manipulation of religions and from interpretations made by religious groups who, in the course of history, have taken advantage of the power of religious sentiment in the hearts of men and women... God, the Almighty, has no need to be defended by anyone and does not want his name to be used to terrorize people". [284] For this reason I would like to reiterate here the appeal for peace, justice and fraternity that we made together:

"In the name of God, who has created all human beings equal in rights, duties and dignity, and who has called them to live together as brothers and sisters, to fill the earth and make known the values of goodness, love and peace;

"In the name of innocent human life that God has forbidden to kill, affirming that whoever kills a person is like one who kills the whole of humanity, and that whoever saves a person is like one who saves the whole of humanity;

"In the name of the poor, the destitute, the marginalized and those most in need, whom God has commanded us to help as a duty required of all persons, especially the wealthy and those of means;

"In the name of orphans, widows, refugees and those exiled from their homes and their countries; in the name of all victims of wars, persecution and injustice; in the name of the weak, those who live in fear, prisoners of war and those tortured in any part of the world, without distinction;

POPE FRANCIS

		31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time A 23	
<u>Saturday</u>	6.00 pm	Judith Heath Anniversary St MM	
<u>Sunday</u>	9.30 am	Joseph Raynor RIP	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	11.30 am	Pauline Bristowe RIP (TF)	Bl Sac
<u>Saturday</u>	Reader	Margaret Horbury	St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Chris Kelly & Chris Horbury	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Marie	Bl Sac
<u>Tuesday</u>	9.30 am	Lee Parks Anniversary	St Ter
<u>Wednesday</u>	10.00 am	Kathleen McInerney - Funeral Mass	Bl Sac
<u>Friday</u>	11.45 am	Winifred Parker Funeral Service	Bl Sac

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SATURDAY	READER	MICHAEL JONES	ST MM
SUNDAY	READER	CHRISTY WANG & KATHY FRETWELL	ST TER
SUNDAY	READER	ANDREW	BL SAC

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St MM Envelopes £86.00 Loose Money £47.81 D/D £387.38

Bl Sac Envelopes £205.50 Loose Money £75.50 Raffle £29.00

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Diocese of Hallam – Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024 – 6 nights- 28th June – 4th July 2024
£879.00

Please see poster for further information.

There is a Christmas catalogue at the back of church from the SVP. Please patronise them. Fr Peter.

We pray for the sick of the Parish – the housebound – and all who have recently died.

Second Collection – Needy Parishes Fund

The final event of the year in the Parish Calendar will be the Annual Carol Service, to be held at St Mary Magdalene's on Wednesday 13th December at 7.00 pm. If you wish to help in any way with Readings, Music or refreshments please see Tony McNicholas, Pam Kershaw or Fr Peter.

St Teresa's

Blessed Sacrament

St Mary Magdalene's

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