

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16**A Reading from the Book of Wisdom**

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 62:2-8
For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
 for you my soul is thirsting.
 My body pines for you
 like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
 to see your strength and your glory.
 For your love is better than life,
 my lips will speak of your praise.

So I will bless you all my life,
 in your name I will lift up my hands.
 My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
 my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I will remember you.
 On you I muse through the night
 for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14**A Reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.**

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all the bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

FRATELLI TUTTI - CHAPTER EIGHT (Final Chapter) – An Appeal

"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;

"In the name of peoples who have lost their security, peace and the possibility of living together, becoming victims of destruction, calamity and war;

"In the name of *human fraternity*, that embraces all human beings, unites them and renders them equal;

"In the name of this *fraternity* torn apart by policies of extremism and division, by systems of unrestrained profit or by hateful ideological tendencies that manipulate the actions and the future of men and women;

"In the name of freedom, that God has given to all human beings, creating them free and setting them apart by this gift;

"In the name of justice and mercy, the foundations of prosperity and the cornerstone of faith;

"In the name of all persons of goodwill present in every part of the world;

"In the name of God and of everything stated thus far, [we] declare the adoption of a culture of dialogue as the path; mutual cooperation as the code of conduct; reciprocal understanding as the method and standard". [\[285\]](#)

POPE FRANCIS

		32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time A 23	
<u>Saturday</u>	6.00 pm	Maisie McDermott Anniversary	St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	9.30 am	Joseph Raynor RIP	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	11.30 am	Mollie Morris RIP	Bl Sac
<u>Saturday</u>	Reader	Michael Jones	St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Christy Wang & Kathy Fretwell	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Andrew	Bl Sac
<u>Tuesday</u>	NO MASS		St Ter
<u>Wednesday</u>	9.30 am	Christine Ruddy	St MM
<u>Friday</u>	9.30 am	Pauline Bristowe RIP (AJW)	Bl Sac

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SATURDAY	6.00 PM	MARY GAUGHAN LONG & HAPPY RETIREMENT	ST MM
SUNDAY	9.30 AM	JOSEPH RAYNOR RIP	ST TER
SUNDAY	11.30 PM	FRANCES PECOWSKI BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS	BL SAC
SATURDAY	READER	PAM KERSHAW	ST MM
SUNDAY	READER	JASON WANG & TONY DEIGHTON	ST TER
SUNDAY	READER	THERESA	BL SAC

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St MM 1/10 No Raffle 8/10 No Raffle 15/10 £34.00 22/10 £43.00 29/10 £39.00

Bl Sac Envelopes £194.00 Loose Money £60.50 Raffle £31.00 2nd Coll. £58.00

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME – if anyone wishes to be part of the Confirmation Programme starting soon, please see Fr Peter.

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.

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.

Second Collection next week – Sick and Retired Clergy

St Teresa's

Blessed Sacrament

St Mary Magdalene's

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