

**The Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year, (B)**  
15th September 2024

**FIRST READING (Isaiah 50:5-9)**

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 114:1-6,8-9)**

**R/. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

1. I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him.

2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with the anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord, my God, deliver me!

3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me.

4. He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

**SECOND READING (James 2:14-18)**

*A reading from the Letter of S James*

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, "I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty", without giving them these bare necessities

of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: "You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show."

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL (Mark 8:27-35)**

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

**This is the Gospel of the Lord**



Services this week

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun 15th 9.00am Mass (St Aidan's)  
10.30am Mass

Mon 16th Ss Cornelius and Cyprian:  
no mass

Tue 17th no mass

Wed 18th no mass (St Aidan's)

Thu 19th no mass

Fri 20th Ss Andrew Kim Taegon and Companions:  
no mass

Sat 21st S MATTHEW: no mass

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun 22nd 9.00am Mass (St Aidan's)  
10.30am Mass

***Be still: the ground on which you are standing is  
holy***

Please maintain silence on entering the church;  
speak to God before mass;  
let God speak to you during mass;  
speak to each other after mass.

WELCOME to our worship today, whether at St Augustine's or St Aidan's. We follow the Mass in the orange books and the Psalm and Readings are on this sheet. At St Augustine's hymn numbers are on the boards. A collection will be taken during the third hymn. A Card Reader is available for electronic payments, near the exit.

**St Matthew's Patronal Festival** Our brothers and sisters at St Matthew's will be celebrating their Patron Saint this Saturday with a Sung Mass at 12.00pm, followed by a buffet. Everyone is invited.

**Walsingham Festival** Our Walsingham Festival Mass is on Saturday 5th October at 3.00pm, followed by a buffet reception. Come and share in the celebration, and offer a welcome to our guests and visitors. If you can help in any way with the buffet, please see Ruth Taylor.

**Midweek masses** Fr Tony is on leave. Please note that there will be no midweek masses this week.

**Harvest Thanksgiving** is just 2 weeks away. Please bring fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as tinned products and toiletries. After the service, they will be donated to Bolton Winterwatch and Bolton Urban Outreach. Thank you for your generosity.

**Harvest Brunch** Is on Saturday 28th September in the Parish Hall from 10.30am - 12pm. We will have breakfast barmes (vegetarian option available), and other light refreshments and there will be a raffle. We do hope you will be able to support this event.

**Secondary School Admissions** If any parents would like their children's attendance at church recording, please let Fr Tony know.

**Offertory** If you would like to sponsor for £5 the elements used at mass one week, please have a word with Ruth Taylor. **The Bread and Wine used on the altar at Mass this week has been sponsored by:**

**Barbara Davis; Brian Longworth; also Fr David Schofield to celebrate Lilian's birthday on 12th September.**

**Val Coward RIP** Val's funeral will be in St Augustine's on Thursday 10th October at 12.00 noon.

**Sheila Evans RIP** Many of our congregation will remember Sheila, who has recently died. Her funeral will be in St Augustine's on Friday 27th September.

**Cash found** If anyone believes they may have lost some money at the back of church 2 weeks ago, please have a word with Fr Tony.

**The Sick:** Christine Fairclough, Pat Hollinrake, Keith Schofield, Cath Hale, Mike Cheetham, Diane Bloor, Dawn Randle and Theresa Stott.

**Departed:** Sheila Evans, Norma Campbell, Val Coward.

**Anniversaries:**

Sun 15th Gordon Binks, Kathleen Connor.

Mon 16th Thomas Pollitt, Henry Partington, Annie Houghton, Samuel Crane.

Tue 17th Irene Entwistle, John Shaw, William Bromilow, Kenneth Ramsden.

Wed 18th Elizabeth Donaldson, Alice Knox, Stanley Howarth, George Butler, Mary Ogden, Joyce Hanna.

Thu 19th Elsie Kirkman, Jessie Horrocks, Mary Stott.

Fri 20th Percy Heys, William Bromley, Amy Greenhalgh, Edith Harthern.

Sat 21st George Hodson, Marie Hargreaves, Randall Holmes.

**Please take this Mass Sheet home with you.**