



**Wednesday 20th October 2021**

**Wednesday of the twenty-ninth week in Ordinary Time Year 1**

### **Gospel**

Lk 12:39-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*From the person who has received much, much will be demanded.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

### **Reflection by Fr John Purnell**

Today Jesus tells his disciples: *"Be sure of this: if the master of the hour had known when the thief would come, he would have not let his house be broken into."*

Jesus then instructs his disciples always to be prepared for the coming of the Son of Man. He will come at an unexpected time and there will be no announcement of this arrival.

In other words, God will appear when God is ready and as God so wishes.

Today ask yourself this question:

Will I be ready when the Son of Man comes to me?

Like yesterday's Gospel reflection are you prepared for this visit?

Jesus comes to us in many ways every single day.

Jesus is always at our side when we are struggling or in pain, be that physical, emotional or spiritual pain.

Jesus is also with us when life is rolling along, good and peaceful.

However, it is totally up to us to be awake and alert to Gods presence. If we are not looking and feeling for Gods presence we may miss the quiet, peaceful and loving presence right next to us. Today be aware and ready for God to appear to you in quiet and subtle ways. Strive to be awake and alert today. Jesus will come to you, will you be awake enough to notice this presence?

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