

Sunday 19 July 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading - *Isaiah 44.6-8*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord of all heaven,
your King and Saviour, says:
'I am the first,
and I am the last,
and there is
no other god.'

No other
has established a people, long ago,
or revealed what is to come.

So do not
be troubled or afraid,
for I declared it long ago,
and you are my witnesses:
there is no other god,
no other rock.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Second Reading - *Romans 8.14-17*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Now that you are led
by the spirit of God,
you are
adopted
as children of God.

God receives you
not as slaves,
to fall back into fear,
but as adopted children,
able to address God
as 'Abba' and 'Father'.

And being adopted
as children of God,
we inherit
all things,
alongside
Christ Jesus himself,
including
both his suffering
and his glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel - *Matthew 13.24-30*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

Jesus told them another parable.
'A farmer
planted
good seed
in a field.

Then, during the night,
an enemy came,
and planted weeds
amongst the wheat.

When the wheat
came up,
the weeds
also appeared.

The workers said, "You planted
good seed.
So why does the field
have weeds?"

And the farmer said, "An enemy has done this!"

The workers asked
whether they should
gather up
the weeds.

But the farmer said, "No,
for in pulling up
the weeds,
you would also
uproot
the wheat.

So let them
grow together
until the harvest,
when I will tell
the workers
first
to gather
the weeds
into bundles, to be burned,
and then
to gather the wheat
into my barn."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.