

28th January, 2021

Thursday, Third Week in Ordinary Time

Mark 4:21-25

A LIGHT SHINING ON GOD'S PEOPLE

Today's Gospel reading from Mark follows immediately after the parable of the sower, which was yesterday's reading at Mass. The interpretation of this parable reflects how people responded to Jesus' proclamation of God's word. In today's gospel reading Our Lord's proclamation of God's word is like a light shining on God's people. This is his mission. No one puts a lamp under a bed but on a lamp stand where it can give light to all. God's word proclaimed by Jesus is a lamp on our way and a light for our steps. Let us always on the lookout for some light. The message of Jesus allow God's light to shine upon us. That is why, in the words of the gospel reading, we are asked to listen carefully to the Lord's word, ***'Take notice of what you are hearing'***. The more attentively we listen to God's word, the more we will receive. ***'The amount you measure out is the amount you will be given – and more besides, for the one who has will be given more'***.

What Jesus means is that the person who seeks to gain some spiritual insight into what he is saying will have that insight increased by exposure to his parables, whereas whoever does not listen to Jesus will end up in spiritual ignorance.

In listening, hearing and following Jesus, I grow in familiarity with his voice and hear more as to what I have, more is added. I give thanks and I pray for those who have nothing, that they might take time with God who has such time for them.