

Reflections on Fifth Sunday of Year 26A.

Mass: Isaiah 58:6-10; Psalm: 112; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

Matthew unfolds the meaning of the Beatitudes in the light of becoming a community of faith. His imagery takes us immediately to the natural village community, of largely related people. Salt, earth and light are the basics of life for the poor. The vast majority of the population were very poor and lived closely to the land. Without the basics life would not be possible never mind community. He is preparing his new Christian community to understand how to provide the basics and build that shared community on them. Something that the Church has always to come to terms with in every age.