

A few words on the readings

Jeremiah 15: 15-21. Jeremiah is in despair. Everything seems to be going wrong. He cries out to the Lord into whose hands he commits himself. The Lord replies that he has work for Jeremiah to do. His promise to Jeremiah to be with him and to protect him extends to all those who turn to him. *I am with you to save and deliver you.* Let us hold on to these words of the Lord.

Romans 12: 9 - end. Paul seeks to build up the Christian community by promoting a pattern of life that does honour to God and to each other. His words echo the very words of Christ in his Sermon on the Mount. *Bless those who persecute you, rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.* Paul's words should spur us on as we seek to follow Christ.

Matthew 16: 21 - end. Jesus begins to talk to his disciples about the path he has to follow and which will lead to the cross. Peter having only just declared Jesus to be the Messiah, the Son of God, finds this difficult to understand. Jesus stresses that those who accept him as the Son of God must also accept the way of the cross. Therefore we must ourselves recognise that the way is not going to be easy as Jesus told his disciples, *'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me'*.

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