

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Exodus 22:20-26
An instruction to look after strangers and avoid exploiting those who are poor.

Responsorial Psalm 17:2-4,47,51
I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
Paul praises the Thessalonians for their faith and love of God, and their good example for others.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22:34-40
Jesus teaches that we are called to love God and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

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Sacred Heart (Goldthorpe), Sacred Heart & St Helen (Hoyland) and St Michael & All Angels (Wombwell)



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Sunday Year A

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday (St Michaels)	24 Oct	5.30pm	Tony & Josie Wood 59 th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday (St Michaels)	25 Oct	9.00am	Gordon English RIP
Sunday (St Helen`s)	25 Oct	11.00am	Andrew J Marren RIP
Tuesday	27 Oct	12.00pm	Taylor Family RIP
Wednesday	28 Oct	12.00pm	McHale Family RIP
Thursday	29 Oct	11.00am	People of the Parish
Thursday (Wombwell)	29 Oct	1.30pm	Funeral Service for Margaret Lily Watson
Friday	30 Oct	9.00am	Winnie Kilroy RIP
Friday (Goldthorpe)	30 Oct	12.00pm	Funeral service for Annette Cheetham
Saturday	31 Oct	12.00pm	Gordon English RIP
Saturday (St Michaels)	31 Oct	5.30pm	John Dainty RIP
Sunday (St Michaels)	1 Nov	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen`s)	1 Nov	11.00am	Jack O`Connell and David Hill RIP

"On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also."

Next month, St Martin-in-the-Fields Church in London's Trafalgar Square will host its annual Service of Commemoration for those who have died homeless on the streets of London over the past year. Names are read out; there are always more than one hundred of them. More than eighty per cent of the deaths are usually of men, and the average age of the people is around forty-five years for men and forty-three years for women. One speaker at last year's service recalled a rough sleeper, whom she was used to seeing in the same place, who died one night. When the ambulance came and collected his body, there was no identification and no one locally knew his name. She undertook to remember that everybody has a name and a right to be treated with dignity.

The church provides immediate relief from homelessness, but also long-term support leading to housing, work and independence. In addition, it involves itself in campaigns tackling the causes of social problems in Britain and highlighting issues where vulnerable people are exploited and abused. St Martin's says, "there's only one thing better than seeing a person journey from despair to hope, and that's being part of that journey". This is one of hundreds of similar church projects showing neighbourliness and love to vulnerable and isolated people: homeless people, but also refugees and asylum seekers. Such projects are inspired by the teaching of Jesus that we must love others as we love ourselves.

In today's Gospel Jesus says the greatest commandment is a twofold commandment of love: love of God and love of neighbour. He reminds his listeners that they themselves were once strangers in a foreign land and they must show justice and compassion to vulnerable people: those who are poor, strangers, disadvantaged. Generous love of neighbour is an indispensable means of loving God. Jesus expands the meaning of neighbour: the commandment to love includes those in our family and our community, along with elderly people, orphans, outsiders, impoverished people around the world, and even our enemies. In other words: everyone. The authenticity of our faith, our love of God and our relationship with Christ is measured by the way we treat others.

The readings challenge us to seek repentance and forgiveness for our negative attitudes towards others. The second reading suggests that we should abandon our idols – perhaps love of money, consumerism, celebrities – and make a conscious choice to love our neighbours. So many saints have expressed their love for God by seeking out the most wretched, the poorest, weakest members of society, loving them and raising them up, to reveal their intrinsic dignity as persons worthy of love.

How do we apply the law of love in our lives? What does it mean to love God and our neighbour in the world today? Can we broaden our concept of neighbour to include the wider world, particularly where basic needs are great? The love Jesus is talking about is more than warm feelings towards others. Charity is vital in our world but it goes alongside speaking out and acting on behalf of others. It means living simply, sharing our wealth, protecting our environment and investing our money ethically so as not to exploit others.

Churches are a valuable resource to vulnerable people such as those who are homeless, migrants or refugees. Some churches provide facilities for an overnight stay in winter months. Some have arrangements with local authorities or businesses to provide food and tea or coffee vouchers at local vendors. Some churches are in ecumenical networks running soup kitchens, health support and asylum seeker support services. Participants often say how they have learnt from the engagement and their understanding of “neighbour” has expanded. We are stewards of one another, and we are called to seek to love and pray for friend and enemy alike. A mission for waging peace over waging war at international level is also vital, especially as poor communities are often the first to be killed and maimed or displaced from their homes in war. In God’s kingdom, even enemies are treated as friends

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Claire Dingwell, Anne Whittingham, Terence Dyson, Sue Bird, David Hardy, Tess Lynch, Carol Beard, Edna Yates, Justin Phillip Collins, Hannah Prentiss, Pat and Colin Hermitage, Thomas Collins, Norma Marshall, Lesley Easton, Val Armstrong, Minnie Helen Pozorski, Terry Mullins, Matthew Deakin, Margaret Booker, Anne Lacey, Kath Cragg, Michael Foy, Shirley Broadhead, Norah Preuss, Mavis Guilcher, Andrew Chandler.

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Congratulations

Congratulations to Josie and Tony Wood as they celebrate their 59th Wedding Anniversary on 26th October.

Apostles` Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

Prayer for Vocations

Loving and generous Father: it is you who call us by name and ask us to follow you. In particular, you call some to serve you as ministers in your church. Bless our Diocese of Hallam by raising up faith-filled and dedicated priests, deacons and religious. Bless our families and choose from our homes those who are needed for your mission.

Blessed John Anne	Pray for us
Blessed Robert Ludlam	Pray for us
Blessed Nicholas Garlick	Pray for us
Blessed William Richardson	Pray for us

0 Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help Pray for us

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