

## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** Job 7:1-4. 6-7  
For Job, life is just one continuous round of drudgery. There is no end in view to his pain and misery.

**Responsorial Psalm** 146:1-6  
Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinth 9:16-19. 22-23  
Paul takes up his responsibility to preach the Gospel with joy and enthusiasm. He feels free to offer himself to present the Good News for the benefit of all.

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
I am the light of the World, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Mark 1:29-39  
Jesus' healing attracts the crowds, but he needs to be free to bring the Good News beyond the confines of his own area.

# Parish of Corpus Christi

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Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
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Sunday Year B  
Weekday Cycle II

*"Everybody is looking for you."*

## Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> (St Michael's)	<b>6 Feb</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Fr Michael Sullivan RIP (Leeds)
<b>Sunday</b> (St Michael's)	<b>7 Feb</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen's)	<b>7 Feb</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	All Priests, keep them safe.
Tuesday	9 Feb	12.00pm	Joan Henshaw RIP
Wednesday (St Michael's)	10 Feb	12.00pm	Dec'd members of the Callaghan Family
Thursday	11 Feb	12.00pm	Jim Wainwright RIP
Friday	12 Feb	12.00pm	Louie Leeman RIP
Saturday	13 Feb	12.00pm	Taylor Family RIP
<b>Saturday</b> (St Michael's)	<b>13 Feb</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (St Michael's)	<b>14 Feb</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Sam and Elizabeth Wainwright RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen's)	<b>14 Feb</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Intention for Jim Clarke, illness

Please go to the link below so you can join in with Masses and Services, streamed live by Fr Declan, or catch up later at the following link:

[www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiDearneValley/live \\_ videos/](https://www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiDearneValley/live_-_videos/)

We are all looking for something. We all want to be happy. For children, happiness may simply be the experience of having their needs satisfied, being made to feel good, safe, secure. As we grow older, these needs become more complex. We need to succeed, to be recognised, to occupy our own place in the world. Every person lives this process of development, each in his or her own unique way. Of course, we are limited by the particular circumstances in which we find ourselves. For some, the limitations take the form of poverty, or health, or education, or the constantly changing face of world history. Nevertheless, we all want to be happy and to make the most of the hand we have been dealt.

Today our scripture readings help us to explore these deep human longings in the light of God's word and God's plan for us. If we know the story of Job, maybe we can recognise his changing fortunes as typical of the human condition. For reasons he doesn't know or understand, his life has become unbearable. Who is to blame? As far as he knows, he has been faithful to all the demands of the Law, so he refuses to accept that his troubles are a punishment from God. But he also knows the goodness of God and so he refuses to blame God for all that has gone wrong in his life. In the end, he simply has to surrender and entrust himself to God's loving mercy. On the other hand, St Paul is able to view the world in the light of the Good News of Jesus Christ. He sees that this is the final answer to everyone's quest for happiness, starting with himself, and so he commits himself to sharing this Gospel with everyone, whatever it might cost him.

In today's Gospel we find Jesus responding with love and compassion to those he meets. They know that Jesus can help them, whatever their need might be. They come to him from all around the town bringing people who are sick and those possessed by demons, and Jesus cures them all. But in his night-time prayer, Jesus realises that his mission goes beyond this little seaside town. "Everybody is looking for you," he is told by the disciples and Jesus knows the truth that "everybody" is more than this local population – it is the whole of humanity, for all time. He has to move on. His mission for the salvation of the world is just beginning. Although

“everybody” is looking for an immediate resolution to their problems, this is symptomatic of their deep, inner longing for happiness, and ours.

The issue for us is just the same as ever. Like Job, we puzzle over the difficulties of life. Why do we suffer, especially when we try to do what we believe we should be doing? Why do some people seem to have an easier life than others? Is there really a God? If so, does God not care about what is happening to us? As Christians, we believe that Jesus Christ is God’s answer to all our questions. St John reassures us that “God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.” And so, like the people of the time of Jesus, we are among all those who are “looking for him”. We need to hear his voice. We need to know that he is close to us. We need to feel the power of his healing touch. And it is here that we find the one who, risen from the dead, reassures us, “Don’t be afraid. I have overcome the world. Know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.”

Now, like Paul, we have been commissioned to go out and share the Good News of our faith: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and he lives in the hearts of all those who believe in him. He enables us to live in the hope of eternal life, where suffering and death, pain and sorrow will be no more. But this is not a “pie in the sky”, “happy ever after” ending; it is rather a challenge to get on with building God’s kingdom here and now. Together, strengthened through prayer and the celebration of the sacraments, we will discover the happiness for which we are all searching.

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### **Prayers for the Sick**

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Amy Moore, Paddy McNicholas, Peter Hutchinson, Clare Dingwall, 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.

### **Requiescant in Pace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Louisa Leeman who died recently. Please keep her family and friends in yours prayers

### **Donations and Weekly Offerings**

Please continue to donations via PayPal, online payments and Standing Order. This is our main source of income. Donations to the parish can be made online via PayPal at [corpuschristi.hallam-diocese.com/parish-news/donate-if-you-can/](https://corpuschristi.hallam-diocese.com/parish-news/donate-if-you-can/) Another way is to donate is by Standing Order and the form is available on the website. Please note that the full name of the account is

**Diocese of Hallam, Corpus Christi Parish`.**

### **Second Collections during 2020**

Even though 2020 was a difficult and tragic year, churches closed for several weeks and services severely disrupted, you still managed to raise funds for our second collections as follows;

Priests Training Fund	£309.99
Home Mission Sunday	£130
Needy Parishes	£173.74
Sick & Retired Clergy	£173
Sea Sunday	£126.56

If you are making a payment to the parish for a second collection or any specific collection via PayPal or Bank Transfer, please specify the name of the collection so that the funds can be appropriated correctly.

Thank you for your generosity, especially during this difficult time.

### **Mass Offerings**

There are plenty of Masses available for your intentions, especially for weekday masses. Please use one of the specially printed envelopes from the back of church or you can send an email or telephone.

### **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