

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday Year B

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Weekday Cycle II

"But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour."

Macmillan Cancer Support is a UK charity offering health care, information and support to people with cancer. One of their suggestions is that young parents who will not recover from cancer might think about leaving a "memory box" so that their children will remember them and know how much they loved them in the years to come.

This memory box can hold things that are special to the one who has died and might include photos, some favourite music, letters or a recorded message. These objects and messages can help remind their children and loved ones of happy times they spent together and offer them some comfort. Such a memory box would be, to echo words used in the first reading today, a way of writing the name of the departed one on the hearts of those left behind. Quite often such memory boxes will also offer hope for the future of the beloved children and a vision of what their parent would like their lives to be.

In today's Gospel, we could say that Jesus is also offering a type of "memory box" to his disciples. Firstly, as with someone who is leaving their family behind, we see Jesus' human struggle to leave those he has grown to love. Secondly, we are offered a glimpse of Jesus' hopes for his disciples' future and the hope that, when he is glorified, he will once again draw all his disciples to himself.

Jesus is sharing the reality of his impending death with his disciples, and in doing so explains it in a way that will make sense to them. He tells them that "unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain". But if it dies, "it yields a rich harvest". Jesus is that grain of wheat, that small, single grain from which the kingdom of God is to grow on earth. Jesus has to die in order for the Father's kingdom of peace, love and justice to flourish. This dying is not easy and Jesus tells us that his "soul is troubled". Letting go costs Jesus, just as it costs us in our daily lives. Yet, with the Father's word of love written on his heart, Jesus finds the courage to say, "it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour". Jesus is given the grace to see that his sacrifice is worthwhile. He is able to stretch out his arms on the cross, thereby revealing the love that the Father has for each one of us – a love so great that he gives up his only Son that we might be healed and have life to the full.

5th Sunday of Lent

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34
Jeremiah reminds us of the Lord's "new covenant" with his people.

Responsorial Psalm 50:3-4,12-15
A pure heart create for me, O God.

Second Reading Hebrews 5:7-9
Christ submits humbly to suffering and, having been made perfect, becomes the source of our salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me; wherever I am my servant will be there too.

Gospel John 12:20-33
Jesus prays to God his Father that his "hour" will be for the glory of God.

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday (St Michael`s)	20 Mar	5.30pm	Terence Dyson RIP
Sunday (St Michael`s)	21 Mar	9.00am	Ken and Winnie O`Hara RIP
Sunday (St Helen`s)	21 Mar	11.00am	People of the Parish
Tuesday	23 Mar	12.00pm	All those who have lost their life to Covid and for those who mourn their loss
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	24 Mar	12.00pm	Paul Galvin RIP
Thursday	25 Mar	12.00pm	Terence Dyson RIP
Friday	26 Mar	12.00pm	Martin Ramnell, Illness
Saturday	27 Mar	12.00pm	Tony Wildsmith RIP
Saturday (St Michael`s)	27 Mar	5.30pm	Anthony Peries 90 th Birthday
Sunday (St Michael`s)	28 Mar	9.00am	Louisa Leeman RIP
Sunday (St Helen`s)	28 Mar	11.00am	People of the Parish

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www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiDearneValley/live

What might this say to us as followers of Christ? There are two elements in this Gospel story which are part of all our lives: love and sacrifice. This same word of the Father's love is written on our hearts too. It is written in his great generosity in sacrificing his only Son for each one of us. As we know, when we love someone, it is easier to sacrifice something of ourselves for them. We might ask ourselves: are we to make sacrifices only for those whom we love? Is that what Jesus did? Or are we called to do as he did and to offer our love to all who need it? This can be a real sacrifice which, if we offer it, will trouble our souls. It will involve a great effort but will glorify the Father. It is loving as Christ did.

In giving his disciples a vision of the immediate future, Jesus is giving them a picture, too, of the road they will travel. We could say that, with these words, he is leaving them a "memory box" for their own journey. He is leaving them something that will explain his giving up his life for the world, as well as hope for the future, that one day they will be reunited with him in joy. We can well apply this to our own lives too, for Jesus is teaching his disciples, and so teaching us, how to suffer and how to love. Such a "memory box" containing both love and sacrifice is well worth sharing with those around us.

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Janette Barber, Claire Selby, Amy Moore, Paddy McNicholas, Peter Hutchinson, Clare Dingwall, Anne Whittingham, 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.

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joyce Murphy 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/

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`.**

Offertory Envelopes

The offertory envelopes beginning from 11th April 2021 are now available as you come into church.

KSC Easter Egg Appeal

"The Knights of St. Columba are looking for donations of Easter Eggs to give to children in hospital at Barnsley General. If anyone wants to make a donation we will collect from the churches and will also buy some eggs from our funds."

Easter 2021

Maundy Thursday	1st April	7.00pm	St Helen`s
Good Friday	2nd April	3.00pm	St Michael`s
Easter Vigil	3rd April	7.00pm	St Michael`s
Easter Day	4th April	9.00am	St Michael`s
		11.00am	St Helen`s

Please let Fr Declan know if you wish to attend any of the services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the three masses of Easter as numbers are restricted due to the ongoing Covid regulations and seats will need to be allocated.

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
O Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help	Pray for us