

### 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24  
God's love is overflowing and so God created an abundance of life. Death came into the world, not through God, but through the devil's hand.

**Responsorial Psalm** 29:2,4-6,11-13  
I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

**Second Reading** 2 Corinth 8:7,9,13-15  
The community of Christians has enjoyed the generosity of Jesus and they should reflect this in the mercy they show others. But in helping others, they should not ignore their own needs.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life: you have message of eternal life.

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel Mark 5:21-43

During his ministry, Jesus is surrounded by people all the time. But he turns to those in greatest need. His miracles are signs of God's mercy available to us all.

## Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Sunday Year B

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

*"Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was."*

### Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>26 Jun</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>27 Jun</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Sheila Durkan RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen`s)	<b>27 Jun</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Mary Dyson RIP
Tuesday (St, Helen`s)	29 Jun	7.00pm	Noreen Brown RIP
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	30 Jun	12.00pm	No Mass
Thursday	1 Jul	12.00pm	No Mass
Friday	2 Jul	12.00pm	No Mass
Saturday	3 Jul	12.00pm	No Mass
<b>Saturday</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>3 Jul</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>4 Jul</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Ralph and Letty Fletcher RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen`s)	<b>4 Jul</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Bridget and Fred Wildsmith RIP

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](http://www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiDearneValley/live)

Have you noticed how much people talk nowadays about the work-life balance? There's a sense that many of us struggle with the demands on us, from our employers, from our families, our friends, even from our church. We're pulled this way and that, ending up doing nothing very well. Sometimes the cost is material: there are demands on our money. But often it's time that is the real problem. And sometimes there are occasions when we might shy away from helping someone. Work-life balance can be an excuse, too. We tell ourselves that we really haven't got time to make a phone call to a lonely relative, or bother to go to the food bank to make a donation, or visit someone in hospital. "I need some me-time" is a popular twenty-first-century refrain.

In today's second reading, St Paul is very concerned about striking a balance, urging the Corinthian Christians to get things in order, so that they look after those in need but meet their own needs as well. "Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was," he reminds them. God's generosity is vast, as the reading from Wisdom points out: God created everything, it tells us. And that huge embrace for the world is evident in God's Son too. Mark's Gospel recounts Jesus being pressed on all sides. People want his attention and his healing. He attends to Jairus whose daughter is sick; we can imagine how desperate the father must be. The crowd keeps pressing and in the middle of it, as Jesus is probably struggling to keep his footing when he is jostled while following Jairus to his home, there's someone else in need. A woman who is bleeding touches his garment. And then, hearing that Jairus' daughter is dead, Jesus doesn't hold back. He visits her, regardless.

For people of Jesus' time, this was remarkable behaviour. They had a horror of blood and a woman with a haemorrhage like this would have been seen as ritually unclean. Touching a dead body would also have been seen as unacceptable: Jesus would have contaminated himself. But instead he responds to these people, just as he would to anyone else, recognising the person in need. Healing the woman with the haemorrhage and bringing Jairus' daughter back to life would have been extraordinary moments. Mark tells us that the people who witnessed the little girl coming back to life were overcome with astonishment. We can imagine how Jesus'

actions were so shocking to people for whom death was something that took people so rapidly in an age with little medical knowledge. The reading from the book of Wisdom stresses that death is not God's doing. Now Jesus is overcoming it. The incarnation of Jesus was, above all else, a physical thing, and this Gospel is full of the physical. There are the crowds of people, pushing and shoving. There is the woman with the haemorrhage. There is the tenderness of Jesus taking the hand of the little girl. And then he overcomes death, the end of the physical body, and restores her to life. God is not some ethereal being here: God is among us, part of our lives. Indeed, Jesus is so practical about the material world that he urges Jairus and the others to give the restored little girl something to eat.

We have here a God who is part of the human world and concerned about it. The Lord can overcome what threatens it – ill health and death – but is also right at the centre of it. As Christians we need to be right at the centre of life too, rather than having time only for the spiritual.

So there are clear messages here about how we live out our discipleship through service. As St Paul urged the Corinthians, there needs to be balance in life. But just as we should be mindful of our own needs, we must be watchful of others. Christianity is about solidarity, not endless doses of me-time. In Mark's Gospel we see Jesus' solidarity with those deemed literally untouchable by society. We cannot raise others from the dead but we can bring those rejected and unwanted back to a fuller life in society by our acceptance of them. It can be hard sometimes to overcome our own prejudices, but Jesus can awake us from our assumptions about others. Faith will bring us back to life in so many ways.

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### **Prayers for the Sick**

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Chris Haigh, Janette Barber, Amy Moore, Paddy McNicholas, Peter Hutchinson, 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.

### **St Peter and St. Pauls Day, Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

Father Jude will be celebrating mass at St Helen's, Hoyland, at 7.00pm for the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul. The usual Covid restrictions apply. Please note that there are no other weekday masses as Fr. Declan is away.

### **"Hallam Lourdes@Home" 2021 25<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July**

A series of masses will be held throughout the Diocese, most of which will be live streamed. Please check out the website [www.hallam-lourdes.com](http://www.hallam-lourdes.com) for the links or our Facebook page for more information

### **Dearne Churches Together**

The next DCT Prayer Meeting will take place on Wednesday 30 June, 1045am at Furlong Road Methodist Church, Bolton on Dearne. ALL are welcome to attend.

### **Day for Life, 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Thank you for your generous donations last weekend for Day for Life. So far the parish has raised £305.33.

### **Part Time Administration Assistant Vacancy**

The Diocese of Hallam is seeking for a part time Administrative Assistant, the closing date for applications is July 13th.

Please follow the link below for the application form and job description.

<https://hallam-diocese.com/job/administrative-assistant-caritas-hallam/>

Or email [stym@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:stym@hallam-diocese.com) .

### **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/](http://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

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### **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