

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Ezekiel 2:2-5

Ezekiel tells the rebellious people that whether they respond or resist, they will know that a prophet has been in their midst.

Responsorial Psalm 122

Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Paul boasts of his weaknesses: he proclaims that when we are weak, we can be strong in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God..

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 6:1-6

On his return to Nazareth, Jesus finds that a prophet is not welcome among his own; and so he cannot work many miracles there.

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"It is when I am weak that I am strong."

Sunday Year B

Weekday Cycle II

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday (St Michael's)	3 Jul	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Michael's)	4 Jul	9.00am	Ralph and Letty Fletcher RIP
Sunday (St Helen's)	4 Jul	11.00am	Bridget and Fred Wildsmith RIP
Tuesday	6 Jul	12.00pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday (St Michael's)	7 Jul	12.00pm	Grant and Howitt Families
Thursday	8 Jul	12.00pm	Holy Souls
Friday	9 Jul	12.00pm	Charlie Parkinson RIP
Saturday	10 Jul	12.00pm	Bill Callaghan RIP
Saturday (St Michael's)	10 Jul	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Michael's)	11 Jul	9.00am	Vernon Hooper RIP
Sunday (St Helen's)	11 Jul	11.00am	Brian McAllister 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

A hospital chaplain was at the bedside of Ron, a man who from the age of fifteen had fought a drug addiction. Sometimes succeeding, sometimes failing, he never gave up the struggle. The use of dirty needles had almost cost him his leg; now it was threatening his life. The chaplain had first met him a few days earlier and noticed with surprise a well-thumbed New Testament, sitting open on his bedside locker. Now, just before anointing him, he heard Ron make this moving admission: "If I die tonight, I know it's my own fault. I've brought it on myself. I reckon I'm a failure; but even if I die, I'll die still trusting in Jesus."

It's often said that nothing succeeds like success. Today's readings propose something rather different. They suggest that there are times when nothing succeeds like failure.

The Lord certainly does not begrudge us our successes. It's just that he doesn't want us to be carried away by them. Success can make us imagine that we've managed it without outside help. We might not say it in so many words, but we begin behaving as though we were, literally, self-made men and women. Success can blind us to the fact that we are utterly dependent upon the Lord: we can never earn anything from him. Our good deeds don't in some way put God in our debt. That is why weakness and failure are sometimes surer roads to God than strength and success.

Take St Paul, for example, who spoke to us in today's second reading. He achieved amazing things. From the moment the risen Lord appeared to him – he was actually on the way to Damascus and the rounding up of Christians there – from that moment, he was totally dedicated to Jesus. He became an apostle, spreading the name of Jesus and setting up new Christian communities to the ends of the then known world. Yet he openly admits that he had a weakness – a "thorn in the flesh", he calls it. We shall never know what it was, nor does that matter. The fact is that he had a chink in his armour, so to say, and it worried him. Three times he pleaded with God for help, and what reply did he get? "My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness." That encourages Paul to say, "I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me." He adds, "For it is when I am weak that I am strong."

Then there is the story in today's Gospel. Jesus is God's only Son, and yet he fails, fails in his own home town (where perhaps he most hoped to succeed). They don't want to listen to him because they know him too well, or think they do. It must have been a disappointment and yet it was only a foreshadowing of what was to happen a few years later. He would be condemned to a brutal, utterly degrading death by crucifixion. There never was a greater apparent failure than that of Good Friday; yet that failure was the gateway to the glory of the resurrection and the salvation of the human race.

Today's Mass can be a source of encouragement. You and I have our weaknesses: it may be the number or the nature of our sins; it may be troubling doubts about the faith; it may be fears about our health; it may be worries about our children. Whatever it is, that is our "thorn in the flesh", but instead of dragging us down towards despair, it can inspire us to raise our head in hope. With St Paul, we can pray, "Lord, I am frail and inadequate, but I believe that my weaknesses give me a special reason to call on you to make me strong, so that, instead of sinking into despair, I raise my head in hope."

I wonder, did you notice that there was a kind of postscript to the Gospel story? We're told that Jesus could work "no miracle there" because of their lack of faith. So what about ourselves? Do we have faith? Do we really trust Jesus, despite everything? If we do, he has the power and the desire to help us, the power and the desire to make saints of the likes of you and me – even if it takes a miracle.

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Chris Haigh, Janette Barber, Claire Selby, 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

Sea Sunday

Next weekend is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. For more information about its work, visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

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 .

Ask your MP to vote against abortion up to birth

The abortion lobby, led by the UK's largest abortion provider, BPAS, has worked with Diana Johnson MP to bring forward an amendment to hijack the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to **introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth** to England and Wales.

This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would leave England and Wales with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. We are expecting that this radical proposal will be voted on by MPs this Monday.

Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool that makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to vote against the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds! www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth

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

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