

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6
The Lord himself will look after his people as he brings them back from exile.

Responsorial Psalm 22
The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading Ephesians 2:13-18
Christ Jesus is the peace between all peoples, making us one in his Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 6:30-34
Jesus takes pity on the people for they are like sheep without a shepherd.

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday 18th July 2021

Sunday Year B

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

"He took pity on them for they were like sheep without a shepherd."

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday (St Michael's)	17 Jul	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Michael's)	18 Jul	9.00am	Julie Popple RIP
Sunday (St Helen's)	18 Jul	11.00am	Andrew J Marren RIP
Tuesday	20 Jul	12.00pm	Edward Stefan Stasiukiewicz RIP
Wednesday (St Michael's)	21 Jul	12.00pm	Phyllis Newsome RIP
Thursday	22 Jul	12.00pm	For the Priests and Wardens
Friday	23 Jul	12.00pm	People of the Parish
Saturday	24 Jul	12.00pm	
Saturday (St Michael's)	24 Jul	5.30pm	
Sunday (St Michael's)	25 Jul	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen's)	25 Jul	11.00am	Colin Barker RIP

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www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiDearneValley/live

Who do we believe? Whose authority do we accept? It is a question that dominates our present world. From a medieval world where the authority of State, Church and family were clearly defined, we moved through the era of the Enlightenment to a world inspired by the sciences and monitored by the professions, doctors, teachers and lawyers, and the clergy still to some extent. Our modern world seems to have lost these bearings. Political leaders have lost credibility. All the professions have had doubts cast upon them for different reasons, from corruption to sexual abuse, and social media have become the controlling force in many of our lives, despite there being little evidence to support many of the claims that are made.

The underlying question has always been not just: "Whose authority should I believe and accept?" It has also been: "How do I develop my ability to discern what is true and what is false?" The sciences are usually credited for demanding clear evidence for statements made, but in fact this testing of information has been part of good thinking since the ancient Greeks. This is not to say that both Church and State have not at times claimed our allegiance merely on the basis that they were the voice of authority. There has always been a tension between the two approaches. Do we follow our leaders just because they are our leaders or because they are demonstrably speaking the truth?

In the first chapter of Mark's Gospel, the people respond to Jesus because he teaches with authority. The basis for their appreciation is that he has just shown them how he can cure sick people. In other words he backs up his words with actions. In today's Gospel Jesus welcomes back his disciples, who have been displaying the same gifts in their first mission by themselves. The Gospel understanding of authority is identical with the idea of authenticity. You cannot just make statements and declarations. You have to give evidence to back up your arguments. The Gospel of Jesus is one of repentance, of the need to change our lives. The change of life is in itself a getting rid of any darkness in our lives, whether it be physical or spiritual. Jesus has the power to enable us to make this change and he uses that power.

In much of this section of Mark's Gospel Jesus is in conflict with those who think and behave differently from him. Quite often it is the scribes and the Pharisees, but

today's Gospel follows the story of the death of John the Baptist, in which we are faced with the conflict between the ruling forces and the message of truth. It is a forewarning of what will happen to Jesus himself. We remember that the first readers of Mark's Gospel were Christians who themselves were having to deal with persecution and the opposition of both family and former friends. Jesus himself is no stranger to such conflicts.

The second question we asked was how we ourselves can develop our ability to discern the truth. We take the example of Jesus himself. People followed him because of not just what he said but what he did. He healed them, cared for them and transformed their darkness into light. In a similar way the early Christians were acknowledged by people as "those who loved one another". In the Roman world many people were slaves or outcasts, with no rights and no respect. To be treated with respect as a human being, no matter what their social standing, gender, colour or conviction, was an introduction to a different world. Do we still offer this alternative world when we are in touch with others? As was once said: "If I were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict me?"

Our first question may then be rephrased to say: "Who or what do I turn to, to help me continue to grow in being Christ in our world?" The answer the Church has always given is "Christ himself", and in particular we encounter him in his word, in the sacraments and in his people. For guidance we turn to the Pope, the bishops and the Church's tradition, but what we look for in their guidance is not ways to criticise or condemn others who are different from ourselves but ways in which we can continue to grow in offering Christ's compassion and loving care to all.

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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

Requiescant in Pace

We pray for the repose of the souls of Phyllis Newsome and Maria Ann Lomas who died recently. Please keep their families and friends in your prayers.

Closure of Hoyland Methodist Church

Hoyland Methodist Chapel invites you and any of your friends and members to a drop in on Saturday 24th July. Drinks will be served from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. This will be an opportunity for you share your memories of time spent in the chapel with our members and friends. We look forward to seeing you then. Our final service will be held on the 28th July at 10.30.a.m. and you would also be welcome to attend that service.

Mass Offerings

Please be aware that there is a backlog of Mass requests for the weekend Masses and whilst every effort is made to accommodate your wishes it is not always possible for your Mass request to be on your chosen day. Your request will be honoured but it may be on a later date. Please consider weekday Masses as well as weekend Masses for your requests. Thank you for your patience.

Sea Sunday

Thank you for your generous donations to Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea last week. So far the parish has raised £280.15. For more information about its work, visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

Dearne Churches Together

The next DCT Prayer Meeting will take place on Wednesday 21 July, outdoors, at 1045am at Salvation Army, Straight Lane, Goldthorpe. ALL are welcome to attend.

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