

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading 2 Kings 4:42-44
 Instead of using an offering of food for himself, as he would be entitled to do, Elisha tells his servant to give the food to the people.

Responsorial Psalm 144:10-11,15-18
 You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

Second Reading Ephesians 4:1-6
 The Spirit of God brings unity and peace and calls on us to be generous and gentle with one another.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel John 6:1-15
 The story of Jesus feeding thousands of hungry people who had come to listen to him.

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

"Giving out a shepherd." as much as was wanted."

Service Times & Intentions

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
Tuesday (St. Michael`s)	27 Jul	12.00pm	Fr Liam Smith RIP
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	28 Jul	12.00pm	Holy Souls
Thursday (St.Helen`s)	29 Jul	7.00pm	Holy Souls
Friday (Sacred Heart)	30 Jul	12.00pm	Pauline Kilhenny RIP
Saturday (St. Michael`s)	31 Jul	12.00pm	Holy Souls
Saturday (St Michael`s)	31 Jul	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	1 Aug	9.00am	Paddy McDonagh RIP
Sunday (St Helen`s)	1 Aug	11.00am	Edward Stefan Stasiukiewicz 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

The outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic prompted an outpouring of generosity to the poorest people and communities around the world. In the San Benito suburb of Lima in Peru, British Columbian missionary Ed O'Connell reported that where families had no work and no income after weeks of lockdown they were supported by their own neighbours and by Columbians. Two communal kitchens were set up with food, and with the protective equipment of masks and gloves. Between them, they served over one hundred rations daily, reaching forty-five families, more than two hundred people. Those families with no food put out white flags and were given priority. "The people try to be resilient," said Father Ed, "they keep going and share what they have with others when the need arises."

This was mirrored in London where Catholic parishes provided emergency food in Trafalgar Square for up to two hundred people daily. "People who have lost jobs and homes during the pandemic are on the streets in growing numbers and they need to be looked after," said Jesuit Father Dominic Robinson, chair of Westminster Justice and Peace Commission. The Jesuit Refugee Service also fed destitute refugees. "JRS has responded to this need by coordinating food deliveries across London using a vast network of dedicated volunteers," reported their director, Sarah Teather. She thanked donors for food and money gifts, "helping us feed hundreds of refugees who suffer from hunger and poor health".

These glimpses of followers of Christ giving food to hungry people in our time reflect today's Gospel, which demonstrates the compassion of Jesus and God's great power and mercy. This is the only miracle found in all four Gospels, which means it is an exceptional event. When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's killing, he and the disciples withdrew by boat to a lonely place by the Sea of Galilee. But thousands of people went after him on foot. So, as he stepped ashore, he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed those who were sick. But he also recognised their hunger, not only for his words but for food. When the disciples attempted to disperse the crowd because food was scarce, Jesus instructed them to feed the people and then showed them how.

The feeding of the thousands – probably at least ten thousand, if we take women and children into account – is a favourite Gospel miracle for many. But there is some debate today about what the miracle was. Yes, it is possible that Jesus turned a scarcity of loaves and fishes into an abundance of food; but Jesus was not just in the business of feeding others – he was also teaching others how to feed hungry people. Some scholars think it possible that, when Jesus encouraged sharing, the generosity of the small boy prompted others to bring out their packed lunches and share with others in a miraculous outpouring of love. We hear that everybody ate as much as they wanted, with leftovers gathered so they would not be wasted.

This life-affirming story is a reminder of God's inclusive generosity. Jesus shows compassion for the crowds, caring for their material, as well as spiritual, needs. God asks us to feed people in need too. There are Eucharistic overtones here. The gift of the small boy was a ridiculously small amount. However, Jesus is willing to take whatever little we can offer. This beautiful miracle reminds us that we can offer to God all that we are. Even if we think it's inadequate, we can trust in God to take it, bless it, break it open and multiply it.

Jesus shows us that when God is with us, there is no such thing as scarcity. We often fear that there will never be enough: never enough money, food, time, space or love. If we trust in God and behave according to kingdom values there will always be enough. Jesus reveals how God is towards us: nourishing, caring, lavish and concerned for all our needs. And when God asks us to be a blessing to others, we must have faith to respond. Even a simple act can have a huge impact on many lives. Let us glimpse God's presence in the gift of the natural world, our shared meals, conversations with friends and support for hungry people. Let us share with those who are hungry in the world, reject food waste and support action to end global hunger.

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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 Fr Liam Smith, Parish Priest in Doncaster for many years, and Anthony James Law who both died recently. Please keep their families and friends in your 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

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Change to Masses

Following the lifting of Covid restrictions on 19th July, it is finally possible to reopen our churches of St Helen's in Hoyland and Sacred Heart in Goldthorpe. For the time being, there will be 7.00pm mass in Hoyland on Thursdays and at noon on Fridays in Goldthorpe. Sunday morning mass at 9.00am will also be held in Goldthorpe from 1st August.

Please continue to take care, the virus has not gone away, do not attend any of the church services if you are feeling unwell or have any Covid symptoms, and keep using the hand sanitiser, wash your hands regularly, and wear a mask if you prefer to.

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