

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

**First Reading** Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15  
The starving Israelites beg Moses to feed them. The Lord rains down food from heaven

**Responsorial Psalm** 77:3-4, 23-2,54  
The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

**Second Reading** Ephesians 4:17. 20-24  
Many pleasures are illusory. St Paul prescribes a total renewal in the way we think: a return, in other words, to the way God created us to be.

## Gospel Acclamation

### Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.

### Alleluia!

### Gospel

John 6:24-35  
People were expecting Jesus to be like Moses, providing them with daily bread. Instead, Jesus offers them fresh, rejuvenating food, unlike any other.

## 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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

*"True bread... comes down from heaven."*

## Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>31 Jul</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>1 Aug</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Paddy McDonagh RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen`s)	<b>1 Aug</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Edward Stefan Stasiukiewicz RIP
Tuesday	3 Aug	12.00pm	
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	4 Aug	12.00pm	
Thursday (St. Helen`s)	5 Aug	7.00pm	Anthony Wildsmith RIP
Friday (Sacred Heart)	6 Aug	12.00pm	
Saturday <b>(St Michael`s)</b>	7 Aug	12.00pm	
<b>Saturday</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>7 Aug</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Fr Brian Davies RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>8 Aug</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen`s)	<b>8 Aug</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	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](http://www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiDearneValley/live)

The United States has recently observed National Junk Food Day. Many people may have been delighted to celebrate it in style. But doctors and nutritionists would be among those who recognise that burgers, crisps and fizzy drinks lack much of the fibre, vitamins and minerals we need to stay healthy. A regular diet of pizza and coke can soon pile on the calories, clog the arteries and sap us of energy. Junk food may fill us up, but it leaves us nutritionally starved. All the same, junk food remains universally popular. All that tasty sugar, salt and fat can be very attractive to people. It can have an almost addictive effect, according to researchers. The pleasure centres of the brain become desensitised after a while, requiring us to eat more and more of it to achieve the same effect.

It would be wrong, however, to judge anyone for their eating habits. People often have to work long hours, and the time it takes for shopping and preparation can make healthy eating an unaffordable luxury for some. Advertisers know how to exploit people's tiredness, vulnerability and low self-esteem. Keeping to a healthy regime requires discipline, which is easier for anyone self-valuing enough to invest in their own future well-being – but for those who have little money to spare and apparently not much to look forward to in life, instant gratification may seem more appealing. Many people were as vulnerable and hardup in Jesus' day. Springtime was a time of particular hardship. So when Jesus fed five thousand people with bread that seemed to appear from nowhere, word soon circulated around the lakeside villages of Galilee. Within hours, so we hear in today's Gospel, crowds arrived from all directions, asking for more of this free food. You don't really want me, Jesus remarked sadly, you just want all the bread you can get.

It was Passover time, the feast of Unleavened Bread, a time of year for remembering the exodus from Egypt, when Moses fed their ancestors with manna in the desert. It made it all the more exciting to hear how Jesus was feeding thousands of people – could he be another Moses? However, as Jesus points out, it was not Moses who gave them bread from heaven – it was God. "I tell you most solemnly," Jesus says, bread that is truly life-giving can only come from God. And he himself is that source of spiritual well-being. "I am the bread of life," he says. What a startling statement

that was! Manna from heaven had been a pledge to their ancestors that God's promises would come true: the provision of daily bread had taught them to trust God to save them from dying in the wilderness and bring them to the promised land. Now Jesus was claiming to be that pledge of God's love; to be the fulfilment of God's promise of life and salvation.

Some people still complain of feeling empty inside. Often it is a sense of dissatisfaction. They might be deceived into thinking that the latest gadget, or the trendiest look, will make them happy. Indeed, for some, life becomes a never-ending round of acquiring and disposing. In our second reading St Paul talks of "illusory desires". In his day, people's lifestyles left them craving something lasting and of worth. In some cases, people's lifestyles still do. Nothing, however, will ever fill that gnawing emptiness except the kind of nourishment which comes from God. Jesus makes that plain in today's Gospel. When we gather in company with one another and with Jesus, we are being invited into relationship at its most intimate and lasting. We savour something of the divine life of heaven. Hearing the word of God, we are renewed; consuming the body and blood of Jesus, we are recreated. Changed to become like Jesus, we, too, can become bread for the world.

Many people still have to work very hard to provide for themselves and their families. Jesus urges us to work for our spiritual maintenance as well, for food that rejuvenates the inner self. Terrible though it is that people still go hungry in this day and age, hunger of a spiritual kind can be healthy if it makes us deeply desirous of Jesus. Today, perhaps, we may recognise that hollow place within us all and come looking for the only one who can satisfy it. Come to me, Jesus is saying, you have no need ever to be hungry again.

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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

### **Rosary and Marist Meeting**

Rosary will be starting on Wednesday 4th of August at 1.30pm at Sacred Heart Church Goldthorpe. It will be every week on Wednesday. The Marist Meeting will recommence every month starting 11th August at 2pm after the rosary.

### **Dearne Churches Together**

The next DCT meeting will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 10.45am at Goldthorpe Pentecostal Community Church. 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/](https://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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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