

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8
The laws of God are a sign of God's presence and offer us God's life.

Responsorial Psalm 14:2-5
The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Goodness is all gift, because all goodness comes from God as a gift.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23
The Gospel is concerned with uncovering what is hidden, especially the secrets of the human heart.

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

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

"Their hearts are far from me."

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday (St Michael's)	28 Aug	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	29 Aug	9.00am	Sr. Ann Coyle RIP
Sunday (St Helen's)	29 Aug	11.00am	Colin Barker RIP
Tuesday (St, Michael's) Live Streamed	31 Aug	12.00pm	Biju Sebastian RIP
Wednesday (St Michael's)	1 Sep	12.00pm	Intentions of Doran,Connors, Hanrahan, Purcell and Smith
Thursday (St. Helen's)	2 Sep	7.00pm	Callaghan Family
Friday (Sacred Heart)	3 Sep	12.00pm	Toni Prictoe RIP
Saturday (St Michael's) Live Streamed.	4 Sep	12.00pm	Keenan Family Intentions
Saturday (St Michael's)	4 Sep	5.30pm	Elizabeth Daley RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	5 Sep	9.00am	Barbara Campbell RIP
Sunday (St Helen's)	5 Sep	11.00am	People of the Parish

There are some signs which we share with the other animals. Cries of pain, or sighs of pleasure, which are a bit like the purring of a cat, are examples. Some physical signs belong to human beings alone: waving our hand, shaking hands, nodding in agreement. Some signs seem more natural than others, so smiling means the same thing all over the world. Other signs are clearly invented, such as the warning sign for radiation, or red for stop and green for go in traffic lights. We can see the use of these signs, but sometimes the signs seem to be for their own sake and it is hard to see what they are signifying.

This is the case with the huge range of symbols, the dietary rules and the elaborate rules for worship in the Jewish world, a world that Jesus was very familiar with. What was the point of these rules and signs? The book of Deuteronomy answers this quite simply. They are signs that God had given the people of Israel so that they would be near to God. Many of the practices seem strange, but they were meant to be strange, unique to Israel, so that by obeying them, the people would retain its identity: an identity which was quite simply being the people of God. Before we start criticising the ancient Jews, we might consider how many symbols we use in our life to mark out the many tribes to which we belong. To be human is to be a symbolic being.

The Old Testament allowed signs but not images. What is the difference between a sign and an image? An image may be a sign, like a traffic sign, but it is not the resemblance that makes it a sign. It is the fact that the sign points to something other than itself that makes it a sign. All the signs of the Old Testament, however odd and demanding they might seem, pointed to God. With the coming of Christ, the signs became irrelevant, because he himself in his humanity was the greatest sign of all, a sign that pointed to God. The humanity of Christ, his human words, human actions and his human birth and death are all one great sign which reveals the presence of God. So the many signs by which Judaism lived became irrelevant. Instead we have Christ. Since his humanity is perceptible to our senses, we use images to represent his humanity. At the same time, Christ is risen into a world beyond our imagination, so we use signs in the sacraments to make the presence of both his humanity and his divinity visible and indeed tangible to us. We can imagine Christ in his earthly life

but the resurrection stories make it clear that we can't quite imagine the risen Christ except inasmuch as he allows himself to be seen as an ordinary human being.

This does not mean that the criticism of the Jews in the Gospel does not apply to us. We can use the sacraments while our hearts are far from God, or we can pray and preach but not really allow God to be close. The unclean heart is the heart that does not allow God to enter.

If the humanity of Christ is the prime sign of the presence of God through the incarnation, then our common humanity is the sign of the humanity of Christ. We know his humanity through the humanity of others, especially in their suffering. As the Second Vatican Council's Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, *Gaudium et Spes*, says, "For, by his incarnation, he, the Son of God, has in a certain way united himself with each individual" (22).

The sacraments are teaching us to recognise God in our humanity, so that we may see that humanity as it is in God. The sacraments enable us to be nearer to God than the old symbolic life could, because it is God that we touch in touching the humanity of Christ, receiving that humanity into ourselves and with it the divinity. The well-lived sacramental life makes every life precious to us, because every life is an image of God. This is true by nature since God made us in God's own image as rational beings. Yet it is even more true by the fact of the incarnation, as we are shaped in the image of Christ.

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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

Requiescat in Pace

We pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Andrew Smith O Praem of St Mary's Parish, Filey, who died on 2nd July. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

Rosary

Rosary will be at 1.30pm each Wednesday at Sacred Heart Church Goldthorpe. All are welcome.

Agewell Wombwell

Agewell Wombwell start again on Wednesday 1st September at 1.00pm in St Michael's Church Hall, meeting every alternate Wednesday thereafter. Please feel free to come along for friendship and fellowship, enjoy guest speakers, days out, quizzes and games. For more information please contact Audrey Salmon on 01226 341992

Bonus Ball in Goldthorpe

We are looking to restart the Bonus Ball again on the 4th September. There are a few spare numbers if anyone would like to have one, or if you no longer want your numbers would they please let George Burnitt know. Thank you.

Donations and Weekly Offerings

The PayPal account is now closed. If you have been making contributions this way, please pick up a Standing Order form after Mass.

Please note that the full name of the account is

`Diocese of Hallam, Corpus Christi Parish`

CAFOD responding to multiple emergencies across the world

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.]

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