

# 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

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Weekday Cycle IV

*“Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.”*

The painted monasteries of Romania are a UNESCO heritage site and treasures of medieval art. The monasteries are painted from foundation to roof, on the outside and often on the inside with intricate icons. When you stand inside, it feels as if you have been taken into the icons themselves and are living the mysteries they depict from within. This is the whole point. These icons are a prayer in themselves and convey in brilliant artistic form the mystery that they illustrate. By contemplating the images, we learn how to live in the mystery. This is especially true of the icons for today's feast.

In the Gospels Jesus does not single his mother out for honour because of her biological role but responds to her as someone who hears God's word and gives it flesh and bones. Like all his disciples, Mary walks by faith and not by sight. She treasures what words she has received of Jesus, pondering them in her heart. Her prayer gives her insight into what is ungodly in the world, and the faith and confidence that she can do something about it, despite her lowly status.

Where pictures of the Nativity typically show Mary cradling the body of her son, wrapped in swaddling clothes, Orthodox icons of the Dormition of the Mother of God – which they celebrate on the same day as we celebrate this feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – show Jesus cradling in his arms the body and soul of his mother, wrapped in a shroud as she is born into everlasting life. This is a foretaste for us of our own rising into glory after death.

How do we catch a glimpse of this glory to come? The Mary of the Magnificat glories in the power of God who overturns all the signs of toxic power within society. God humbles the oppressor, forcing those sated with consumption to face their own emptiness while lavishly giving to those who are poor and hungry what is theirs by human right. Mary is portrayed as a warrior queen, challenging the forces of sin and human greed in the name of the God whose power transforms our world through our prayer and action, and our refusal to give evil the last word.

Mary can help us find a way to draw closer to Jesus and to one another. In John's Gospel the beloved disciple is a model for all the followers of Christ. The dying Jesus

## Feast of the Assumption

**First Reading** Apoc 11:19;12:1-6,10

Mary is the archetypal disciple in whom we see, as in a mirror, all that we can become through God's grace, despite our human weakness. The book of the Apocalypse links us to the woman who, through the birth of her son, is instrumental in crushing the power of evil.

**Responsorial Psalm** 44:10-12,16

On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Orthodox icons of the Dormition of Mary tell of the belief that at her death Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven as a foretaste of the resurrection. They express the hope that all human experience is destined for glory through the saving power of Jesus.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing **Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Luke 1:39-56

As an unmarried woman Mary had no status in Israel. As an unmarried mother she risked public shame and death by stoning. She had nothing, yet she believed that God's power could make of her a blessing for all the world.

## Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> (St Michael's)	<b>14 Aug</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Mary and Jim Fleming RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>15 Aug</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Gwen Walsh RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen's)	<b>15 Aug</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	People of the Parish
Tuesday ( <del>St Michael's</del> ) Live Streamed	17 Aug	12.00pm	Ann Purcell and Family
Wednesday (St Michael's)	18 Aug	12.00pm	Elizabeth Daley RIP
Thursday (St. Helen's)	19 Aug	7.00pm	Christine Cooper (Illness)
Friday (Sacred Heart)	20 Aug	12.00pm	Our Lady's Prayer Group
Saturday ( <del>St Michael's</del> ) Live Streamed.	21 Aug	12.00pm	Patricia Grant RIP
<b>Saturday</b> (St Michael's)	<b>21 Aug</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Jim Wainwright RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>22 Aug</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	People of the Parish
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tells the disciple to cherish Mary as his mother, and Mary is told to care for the disciple as her son. When the Church is born by the power of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Mary is there, at the heart of the community of those who worship Jesus and seek in his name to create a world after God's own heart.

Mary's questions in the Gospel narratives are our questions – how is it that God can work through such weak instruments as we feel ourselves to be? Why does God sometimes seem to hide from us when we search with such anxiety? How can the tasteless water of our lives be turned into the life-giving wine of God's grace? Her song can also be our song, exulting in a God who enters fully into all that is fragile and earthy in human experience, into the blood and guts of our human bodies but also into their beauty and their capacity to give and receive love.

God transforms the daily details of our lives into a song of glory. The fullness of life is ours for the asking, if we are willing to pay attention to God's word and, like Mary, treasure all that we know of Jesus and ponder it in our hearts. God will dethrone the false idols we create and teach us to nurture a spirit of grateful humility. God will satisfy our deepest hungers if we are willing to turn away from false securities. Above all, God will bless us with mercy when we face the truth of our own poverty with hope and confidence. We are blessed not because, by some accident of birth, we are members of the Church, but because we have learned to hear the word of God and keep it.

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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 souls of Antony Wildsmith, Toni Prictoe and Espiridion S Ingalla who died recently. Please keep their families and friends in your prayers

### **Rosary and Marist Meeting**

Rosary will be at 1.30pm each Wednesday at Sacred Heart Church Goldthorpe. The Marist Meetings will be every month at 2.00pm after the Rosary, the next one being 15<sup>th</sup> September. All are welcome.

### **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.

### **Changes to PayPal donations**

We are planning to close our PayPal account. 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`

### **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.

### **Pension Plan for Priests**

The Diocese is looking to create a Pension Plan for all the priests in the Diocese of Hallam. If anyone has expertise in pension plans, please speak with Fr. Declan.

### **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