

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9
The anonymous servant of the Lord faces terrible persecution on account of his preaching. He does not resist.

Responsorial Psalm

114:1-6,8-9
I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second Reading

James 2:14-18
James maintains that the real sign of faith is putting that faith into practice.

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

Mark 8:27-35
Peter says, "You are the Christ," but he fails to see that the Christ must suffer.

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Year B

Weekday Cycle IV

"The way you think is not God's way."

There's a story told of a puzzle that really baffled the foreman of a builder's yard. Every evening, when the yard was closing and the workers were leaving, there was one man who always left with a wheelbarrow. The foreman was convinced that this guy was stealing, but he could not figure out what he was taking. Several times he stopped the queue of workers anxious to get home so that he could have a closer look to see what was being stolen. He never found anything, but never gave up the search.

Eventually, the foreman retired, still having failed to solve this mystery. And it still preyed on his mind. One day, he bumped into the man with the wheelbarrow and the two of them ended up going for a drink. Eventually the ex-foreman said, "Look, I know that you were stealing from the yard all those years. What were you taking out in that wheelbarrow?" The man replied, "Nothing at all". "So, what were you doing then?" said the other. He got the shock of his life when the man said, "I was stealing wheelbarrows!"

So what's the moral of that story? Well, perhaps it's quite simple. People are not good at seeing what is right under their noses. This is very apparent in the readings we have for today's liturgy. First, there is the anonymous servant of the Lord from Isaiah, the figure from the exile in Babylon, who is the servant of the Lord, but whom the people eventually kill and only then recognise that he was God's prophet, God's messenger. This servant appears in four passages in the section of Isaiah which scholars usually call Second Isaiah, set in Babylon during the time of exile, somewhere between 586 and 538 BC. The tragedy is that people were aware of this anonymous figure, but they chose to ignore him and his message, to the extent that in the fourth and last of the songs of this servant, the people eventually watch him being killed and do nothing to stop this. After his death they realise how wrong they were and that this was a powerful prophet from God. Only then, and of course much too late, do they feel remorse.

The story of this servant comes to life again in the life and death of Jesus. Just as the anonymous servant in Babylon is misunderstood, so too is Jesus. On his journey in the vicinity of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus poses two questions to his disciples. First,

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday (St Michael's)	11 Sept	5.30pm	Irene Kenny RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	12 Sept	9.00am	Kitty Bainbridge RIP
Sunday (St Helen's)	12 Sept	11.00am	People of the Parish
Tuesday Live Streamed	14 Sept	12.00pm	
Wednesday (St Michael's)	15 Sept	12.00pm	
Thursday (St. Helen's)	16 Sept	7.00pm	Deceased Members of the Taylor Family
Friday (Sacred Heart)	17 Sept	12.00pm	Jessie Turner RIP
Saturday Live Streamed.	18 Sept	12.00pm	
Saturday (St Michael's)	18 Sept	5.30pm	Toni Pritchett RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	19 Sept	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen's)	19 Sept	11.00am	Andrew J Marren RIP

Divine Mercy Chaplet is at 3.00pm on Fridays at St. Michael's Church

Lectio Divina is at 7.00pm on Tuesdays in the Lady Chapel of St. Michael's Church

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available after the noon Mass in Goldthorpe on Fridays, after the Divine Mercy Chaplet in Wombwell on Fridays, and starting at 6:15 pm in Hoyland on Thursdays. It is always available upon request.

he asks, "Who do people say I am?" His disciples tell him. Apparently the people think he is John the Baptist, or perhaps Elijah, or at least one of the prophets from of old. Then Jesus drops a bombshell of a question, saying to the disciples, "But who do you say I am?" Silence is all around; no one is prepared to express an opinion. Eventually Peter breaks the silence: "You are the Christ," says Peter. Well done, Peter, or so it seems, but as soon as Jesus speaks of the inescapable fate of his suffering and death, Peter gives a classic example of snatching defeat from the jaws of victory. He takes Jesus aside and gives him some advice, "This must not happen to you." Peter is rewarded with Jesus' famous rebuke, "Get behind me, Satan!" Peter is not thinking as God thinks.

Is this just a story about Peter? Or is it a story for all humans? The answer should be obvious – it is for all – but how do we engage with the story? The answer to that is not difficult if we consider what Jesus actually said to Peter. The expression "get behind me" is, in the original Greek of the Gospel, the exact same expression that Jesus used when he called the first disciples, saying "follow me". Those four fishermen stopped what they were doing and followed Jesus. When Jesus tells Peter, "Get behind me, Satan!" he is actually renewing the call to discipleship.

To get behind Jesus is to follow him. That is the task of the disciple. Following Jesus was literally what his disciples did when they were journeying, but the really important following is in living as Jesus instructs. To do otherwise is to run the risk of going in the opposite direction altogether. Perhaps that is what is meant when Jesus calls Peter "Satan".

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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, 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 William R Andrews of Elsecar who died recently.

Please keep his family 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 15th September. All are welcome.

Agewell Wombwell

Agewell Wombwell meet on Wednesday 15th 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

Home Mission Sunday

Each year we celebrate Home Mission Sunday, when the Bishops invite parishes to pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales. There will be a second collection next week to support the work of evangelisation.

Red Mission Boxes

Please bring in your Red Mission Boxes at your earliest convenience. If you are a UK Taxpayer, please consider using Gift Aid. Thank you for your support and for your continued prayers for missionaries around the world.

St Vincent de Paul Update

Befriending by visit & phone is ongoing and still very much needed, we are also looking for donations of items such as beds for refugees and asylum seekers happening locally.

Plans are in place to assist the suffering people of Afghanistan with furniture, household items etc., where appropriate.

Donations welcome via Holy Rood church, Barnsley or financial donation online at www.svp.com

If you can help please get in touch. If you or someone you know needs our help or assistance please contact us, it's also the same number if you wish to join SVP in the Barnsley area. Please text [07873407866](tel:07873407866) giving your name and brief description of how we can help you.

Donations and Weekly Offerings

Our 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

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