

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** Wisdom 2:12. 17-20  
Wrongdoers are reluctant to trust people who focus on doing what is right and sometimes try to catch them out.

**Responsorial Psalm** 53; 3-6,8  
The Lord upholds my life.

**Second Reading** James 3:16 – 4:3  
Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Mark 9:30-37  
Jesus says that anyone who welcomes a little child in his name welcomes Christ himself; and anyone who welcomes Christ welcomes not him but the Father who sent him.

## Parish of Corpus Christi

Sacred Heart (Goldthorpe), Sacred Heart & St Helen (Hoyland) and St Michael & All Angels (Wombwell)



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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Home Mission Sunday Weekday Cycle IV

*“Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me.”*

### Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>18 Sept</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Toni Prictoe RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>19 Sept</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen`s)	<b>19 Sept</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Andrew J Marren RIP
Tuesday Live Streamed	21 Sept	12.00pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	22 Sept	12.00pm	Gordon English RIP
Thursday (St. Helen`s)	23 Sept	7.00pm	Christine Cooper RIP
Friday (Sacred Heart)	24 Sept	12.00pm	Maureen Turner RIP
Saturday Live Streamed.	25 Sept	12.00pm	Reta
<b>Saturday</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>25 Sept</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>26 Sept</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Jessie Turner RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen`s)	<b>26 Sept</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	John and Mary Coefield 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.

Pope Francis told the story of how, during Italy's coronavirus lockdown, a boy called Andrea and his family had been watching the Pope's Mass from the Santa Marta chapel in the Vatican online and had noticed that Francis had told the congregation to offer each other a sign of peace. The child was so concerned about the lack of social distancing that he wrote to Francis to tell him that he shouldn't have said those words because, in the time of the pandemic, people were not allowed to shake hands. Francis explained that Andrea could not have known that the members of the congregation merely bowed to each other without coming into physical contact. It says a great deal about Francis' own humility and simplicity that he could use this incident to praise the innocence and transparency of children, who react spontaneously without thinking about possible embarrassment to adults who might prefer diplomacy to truth.

We all know the story told by Hans Christian Andersen of a vain emperor who didn't like to admit that he couldn't see for himself the magnificent suit which he'd been conned into buying from some rascally tailors. As he paraded around in the supposedly magical suit, his subjects also didn't wish to appear foolish by admitting that they too couldn't see the apparently wonderful clothes. It was only when a child declared that the emperor was not wearing clothes that others had the courage to admit that he was right. A Zambian proverb declares, "He who has a tongue does not get lost in the forest." In other words, if someone is lost, they should ask for directions from someone who knows the right path to take out of the forest. If Jesus' disciples had taken heed of the saying, they might have been less confused when Jesus foretold his approaching arrest, execution, burial and, most importantly, his resurrection. They could not understand what he was saying, but neither did they admit their ignorance and ask Jesus to explain.

When Jesus and his followers reached Capernaum, Jesus asked them why they had been arguing. The disciples were too embarrassed to give him a straight answer. They didn't want to admit that they had been fighting about who was the greatest among them. Jesus had probably overheard the dispute and knew the sort of mess that they had created for themselves – and also the irritation as they heard how

important or unimportant they were in the eyes of their companions. So Jesus called a small child to himself and suggested that the little one could be an example to these grown men who certainly hadn't behaved like responsible adults. If they wanted to know the qualities he considered valuable, then they should try practising simplicity, humility, honesty. If they didn't understand, they should ask for explanations. If they wanted status, then they should be childlike, not childish. Society declares that some people and postcodes and jobs are more important than others. How often do I listen to society rather than to Jesus, who ignores those unimportant distinctions? Young Andrea wrote to Pope Francis, informing the Pope that he'd made a mistake. To the youngster, other people's health was more important than Francis' papal status – and he had the courage to say so. His criticism was that of youthful concern and integrity – and Francis recognised it as such. The disciples showed their immaturity by not asking Jesus questions which would later have a big impact on their lives. Then they argued as if they were in a pantomime, "I'm better than you are." "Oh no, you're not!" "Oh yes, I am!" Their behaviour was childish – and yet we can identify with them. How many moments do we have in the course of our daily life when the possibility of embarrassment prevents us asking the right questions at the right time? How often have we cared unnecessarily about someone's social status in the workplace or in society at large? Humility shows us the world and other people with greater realism. Admitting that we don't understand something offers a learning opportunity. Recognising our mistakes is a chance to put things right. That is being *childlike* – honest and simple – not *childish*: trying to look wiser and more important than we are. Jesus came for "the least, the last and the lost". Where do I stand?

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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

### Requiescant in Pace

We pray for the repose of the souls of Catherine Neal and Jean Allington and Natalie Rhona Cassidy who died recently. Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

### Rosary and Marist Meeting

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

### 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 this week to support the work of evangelisation.

### Red Mission Boxes

Please bring in your Red Mission Boxes at your earliest convenience.

### 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](http://www.svp.com) If you can help please get in touch. If you or someone you know needs our help 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 cancel your arrangement with them. Standing Order forms are available after Mass. Please note that the full name of the account is

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### Annual Mass Count

Please would the ushers at each church kindly keep a count of mass attendees on the last two weekends in September and the first two weekends in October (18/19 and 25/26 September, and 2/3 and 9/10 October).

### Job Vacancies

There are several jobs available in our schools with the Diocese. Please see the notice boards for more details.

Right To Life UK are currently hiring for a number of positions across media, public affairs, digital and operations. Please see advert on the noticeboard or refer to [Righttolife.org.uk/jobs](http://Righttolife.org.uk/jobs).

### 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