

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Gospel Acclamation

**First Reading** Numbers 11:25-29  
If only we all were prophets of the Lord.

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us  
in the truth.

**Responsorial Psalm** 18:8,10,12-14  
The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

**Alleluia!**

**Second Reading** James 5:1-6  
Our wealth can hinder us from caring for  
those in need.

**Gospel** Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48  
Anyone who is not against us is for us.

# 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

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Weekday Cycle II

*"Anyone who is not against us is for us."*

## Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>25 Sept</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	John and Mary Coefield RIP
<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>	People of the Parish
Tuesday Live Streamed	28 Sept	12.00pm	
Tuesday	28 Sept	1.00pm	Funeral service for Natalie Rhona Cassidy
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	29 Sept	12.00pm	
Thursday (St. Helen`s)	30 Sept	7.00pm	
Friday (Sacred Heart)	1 Oct	12.00pm	
Saturday Live Streamed.	2 Oct	12.00pm	
<b>Saturday</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>2 Oct</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>3 Oct</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Shirley Firth RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen`s)	<b>3 Oct</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Thomas and Catherine Freaney 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.

It is now decades since the Holocaust which took place during the Second World War. It has not gone away. Rather, it has become more and more present in people's minds, as though it has taken this long for its full significance to sink in. At first there was a series of war trials and then a stunned silence as people were desperate to build up their lives again. "Never again," we said, but then further genocides continued to happen, in Africa, in the Middle East, in the Far East, in the Balkans. No one seems to have answered the underlying enigma: how do people who have lived cheek by jowl contentedly with each other for years suddenly turn into mortal enemies?

It is not that everyone takes this path. There are heroic individuals who stand out against the storm of hatred. There are also others who go along with the prevailing wind because they don't want to be persecuted themselves. They collude out of fear, out of a desire for a quiet life or out of an even more selfish desire to take advantage of the property or possessions of those under attack. Under stress or in distress an unfortunate human reaction is to look for someone other than ourselves to blame for our sad situation. We find scapegoats. Down through the ages the Jews have sadly served such a role for many Christians, despite the Church formally denouncing such views. Anti-Semitism is still a force to be reckoned with today, but we also encounter discrimination against women, ethnic minorities, LGBT people and disabled people, among others.

Throughout the Gospels the disciples are often pictured as getting the wrong end of the stick. It is usually for very human reasons on their part. It is at times when they feel threatened, physically as in the storm at sea, but also when they feel their position of importance is being challenged. They are upset by the attempts of the twin sons of Zebedee to steal a march on the others in their claim to positions of celebrity in the kingdom, and they are keen to know what their rewards will be for being faithful followers of Jesus. Jesus uses such moments to bring them to a more accurate awareness of what being a disciple means.

In today's Gospel we have the story of a man who is not one of the disciples casting out devils in the name of Jesus. The disciples stop him because he is not one of

them. Jesus replies that this is irrelevant. What matters is what the man is doing. If what he is doing shows support for the mission of the kingdom then they should rejoice that this work is happening. There is an echo of what Moses says to Joshua when Eldad and Medad are found prophesying though they have not been officially registered. As Jesus might say, it is not calling yourself a child of Abraham that matters. It is what you are doing with your life. By their fruits you shall know and acknowledge them.

Have we experience of being persecuted or bullied? Have we been the bullies and persecutors ourselves? Sometimes you can switch very quickly between the two roles. For example, a man who is treated badly at work might treat his wife and family badly at home. What will help free us from such roles and give us the freedom to treat everyone equally and with respect? Education is always a good start. If we are curious and even delighted to explore the variety in the world, whether it be people or their cultures and faiths, we have made a good beginning. It means that what is different from us is not experienced as dangerous but rather a further expression of God's mysterious goodness expressing itself through human life. We happily do this with the glory of God's natural creation, whether animal, vegetable or mineral. What stops us doing the same for human diversity?

In addition it will help if we explore the source of our fears and anger. We may need others to help us do this, whether we find ourselves cast in the role of persecutor or victim. The remembering of such terrible scars as the Holocaust is also vitally important. As the American author William Faulkner wrote: "The past is never dead. It is not even the past." If we remain aware of the massacres of the past we are less likely to repeat them.

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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

### **Rosary**

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

### **Annual Mass Count**

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

### **Agewell Wombwell**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 1.00pm in St Michael's Church Hall, meeting every alternate Wednesday thereafter. For more information please contact Audrey Salmon on 01226 341992

### **Second Collections**

The parish raised **£155.08** for the Catholic Education Service, and last weekend's collection for Home Missions raised **£154.47**. Thank you for your generous donations.

### **CAFOD Family Fast Day**

Next Friday is Family Fast Day. You can donate by using an envelope available from the back of church. Please consider using the Gift Aid slip if you are a UK Taxpayer, thus enabling CAFOD to benefit further from your generous donations. You can also find out more and give online at [cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis](http://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis)

### **First Holy Communion Programme 2022**

As we look ahead to 2022, preparations will begin with an introductory meeting about the First Holy Communion Programme on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm in St Michael's Church, Wombwell. Please contact Fr. Declan or one of the Catechists if you have any queries.

### **Mass Offerings**

There are plenty of Masses available for your intentions, especially for weekday masses. Please use one of the specially printed envelopes from the back of church.

### **Job Vacancies**

We now have a link on the website to all the job adverts at the Diocese.

### **PayPal**

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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### **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