

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Wisdom 7:7-11
Prayer leads to wisdom, which is far more important than all created things.

Responsorial Psalm 22
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Second Reading Hebrews 4:12-13
No created thing is hidden from God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 10:17-30
Those who leave everything to follow Jesus will receive far more than they gave up in the first place.

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 I

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday (St Michael's)	9 Oct	5.30pm	Toni Prictoe RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	10 Oct	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen's)	10 Oct	11.00am	William Andrews RIP
Tuesday Live Streamed	12 Oct	12.00pm	
Wednesday (St Michael's)	13 Oct	12.00pm	Richard Howitt RIP
Thursday (St. Helen's)	14 Oct	7.00pm	Clive Maun Illness
Friday (Sacred Heart)	15 Oct	12.00pm	
Saturday Live Streamed.	16 Oct	12.00pm	
Saturday (St Michael's)	16 Oct	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	17 Oct	9.00am	Anne Hamilton (nee Galvin) RIP
Sunday (St Helen's)	17 Oct	11.00am	People of the Parish

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.

Does this sound familiar? It will be a familiar story to many people. Over the course of several months, it might have become harder to read, write, see faces or watch television. Inevitable surgery to save your eyesight will give little or no improvement in your present ability to see clearly. So what do you do to prepare for the future? Instead of a life centred on seeing, you might focus on hearing and discover that sound becomes incredibly precious, whether it's birdsong, the radio, audiobooks, music or whatever. You might find an unparalleled opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for all that you have seen and enjoyed over the course of your life, perhaps while you were too busy to sit back and appreciate its richness. While losing something as precious as your eyesight, you could discover a whole new world which sets your heart dancing for joy.

Your own experience might not involve your eyes. Perhaps the coronavirus pandemic finished your job or business, forcing you to reinvent life for yourself, your family and your colleagues. Perhaps a medical diagnosis meant abandoning your favourite foods and permanently adopting a different diet. Perhaps you have had to clear and sell the family home so that an elderly parent can move into a care home. You know your own life-changing events. As the years go by, we all make massive changes. We might regret the things we left behind. We might struggle to see beyond the door we were closing towards the new one which opens to a different but perhaps brighter future.

The wealthy man in today's Gospel was short-sighted. He had always tried to live a God-centred life, but his routine prevented him from realising that his vision of life was blurred. Jesus recognised someone who generously shared his riches but perhaps was less ready to share his heart. If only the young man would share his heart, he could permanently transform his life.

As it was, the young man already had a niggling sense that he could do something over and above the good deeds in which he was involved. If this were not so, he wouldn't have asked Jesus' advice on what else he needed to do in order to gain eternal life. He had asked the right question, but he wasn't prepared for the answer. The young man wasn't ready to make the changes necessary to follow Jesus' difficult

and itinerant, crowd-filled lifestyle. Hitherto, he had lived in a comfortable home – but now Jesus was suggesting that he should, instead, go into the highways and byways, deliberately searching for those who needed his compassion, people whom he might otherwise never have seen. The man wasn't ready for such a sacrifice. He wanted to be good on his own terms. He chose to remain short-sighted rather than to follow Jesus' prescription and to get new lenses.

It's not easy to make the changes forced upon us by circumstances such as the need for surgery, changing jobs or moving to a new house. Yet those massive changes in our practical daily life can sometimes be easier than making the alterations which might bring us closer to God. One set of modifications might involve, not only the heart, but also the purse and bank balance. The other adjustments touch us in the deepest areas of our hearts and souls, perhaps changing for ever our self-understanding and our understanding of other people. The alterations which bring us closer to God affect our lifestyle and relationships. They have a frustrating habit of setting us on an unknown road towards an unknown destination with few signposts to guide us. That can be scary.

"It's easier to be a live coward than a dead hero." We live with the consequences of our choices. We don't know if the rich young man subsequently decided to give everything away in order to follow Jesus, but we do know that he was scared to accept the challenge which Jesus offered him. If Jesus had been a coward, we'd never have Good Friday, but we'd also never have Easter Sunday or Pentecost. Perhaps Jesus took deep breaths before making choices that he knew his Father wanted in order to bring about our salvation. The way of the cross was no day trip to the seaside. If the rich young man was scared, Jesus was probably terrified by the prospect of what lay before him. It puts our own life choices into perspective, doesn't it?

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Mary Gibson, 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 Frances Rodgers who died recently. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Please remember to bring your Family Fast Day envelopes back to church. If you are a UK Taxpayer you can complete the Gift Aid slip thus enabling CAFOD to benefit further from your generous donations. You can also find out more and give online at cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

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.

Annual Mass Count

This is the final week of counting mass attendees. Thanks to all our counters.

Rosary and Marist Meeting

Rosary will be at 1.30pm on Wednesday at Sacred Heart Church Goldthorpe. The next Marist Meeting is on 13th October after the Rosary. All are welcome.

Dearne Churches Together

The next DCT Prayer meeting, on the theme of 'Harvest', will be held on Wednesday 13th October at 1045 at the Salvation Army, Straight Lane, Goldthorpe. ALL are welcome.

First Holy Communion Programme 2022

The First Holy Communion Programme begins on Monday 11th October at 7.00pm in St Michael's Church, Wombwell. Please contact Fr. Declan or one of the Catechists if you have any queries.

Bonus Ball – Goldthorpe

Bonus Ball is back up and running in Goldthorpe. Last weekend the bonus ball was 43, which is a spare number, so another rollover next weekend making the prize £75! There are still spare numbers, please see George Burnitt if you want to join the weekly draw, which raises much needed funds for our 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