

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Isaiah 53:10-11
The Lord calls us to commit ourselves to him. While that might involve suffering, there is the promise of joy to come.

Responsorial Psalm 32:4-5,18-20, 22
May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading Hebrews 4:14-16
In following Jesus, Christians follow someone who, like them, has experienced the difficulties and hardships of life. We can be comforted that he is merciful.

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 10:35-45
Jesus is a different leader – rather than seek glory, he seeks to be a servant and to sacrifice his life to save others.

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time,

Weekday Cycle I

“For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Service Times & Intentions

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
Tuesday Live Streamed	19 Oct	NO MASS	
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	20 Oct	NO MASS	
Thursday (St. Helen`s)	21 Oct	NO MASS	
Friday (Sacred Heart)	22 Oct	NO MASS	
Saturday Live Streamed.	23 Oct	NO MASS	
Saturday (St Michael`s)	23 Oct	5.30pm	Josie & Tony Wood Diamond Wedding Anniversary
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	24 Oct	9.00am	Brian Smith Birthday
Sunday (St Helen`s)	24 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.

Have you ever realised that somebody has completely misunderstood you and what matters to you? Perhaps a friend whom you've known for years takes you by surprise. The friend might say to you: "I know how ambitious you are, so you must be livid your colleague has been promoted," when you're not ambitious at all, and never wanted the top job and all its responsibilities. You're just delighted your colleague has had their talents recognised and will be shouldering that burden, and not you.

Jesus must have felt like that when his apostles James and John approached him and said that they wanted to share in his glory. After all this time together, Jesus might have thought, they don't get it: this isn't what I'm about at all. But when we realise someone has misunderstood us, we have options. We can keep silent and let the confusion continue, or we can try to explain ourselves. Out of a miscomprehension can come a deeper understanding. This is what Jesus chooses to do with James and John – explain further. In doing so, he enables us to know more fully what his mission and our own calling are.

Jesus starts his teaching here by telling James and John that there are matters that are not his to decide on. He takes this further when he speaks about his own role: this is not a glorious, all-powerful figure, despite being the Son of God, but a suffering servant, as prophesied by Isaiah, who will serve God's purpose by making the ultimate sacrifice – that of his life. He "offers his life in atonement", as Isaiah puts it or, as Mark's Gospel says, "as a ransom for many". It is in fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah that Jesus is hinting at what is to come as well. For rather than having James and John on his right and left in glory, he will die on a cross with a thief on either side.

There is no fear in Jesus here, even though he has, in the verses that precede today's Gospel passage, foretold his own death. Mark says Jesus had been striding ahead of the disciples on the road to Jerusalem, suggesting a confidence and enthusiasm for the task ahead, while the disciples were both amazed and afraid. And it is then, as Jesus speaks of his own death and his rising again, that James and

John tell him that they want to be with him in glory. They are getting ahead of themselves. For the Christian, the journey of life means not glory but serving others. That is Jesus' mission for himself and his followers, and it could not be more demanding. After all, Jesus tells James and John: "The cup that I must drink you shall drink" – something that hints at what is to come. For later, during his passion in the garden of Gethsemane, as Jesus grows aware of what torment is to come, he asks his Father: "If it is possible, let this cup pass me by." For those, including the apostles, called to follow Jesus unto death, they too will have to drink from that cup. Jesus will rise to glory, but first his mission must be accomplished and his disciples must also undertake that mission. Jesus' comment that it is not his choice who will be at his side suggests that someone else – God the Father – will allot those places. The Gospel offers an enormous challenge to Jesus' followers. Here we see God's own Son prepared to be not the one served but the one who serves and he urges the apostles to live their lives in the same way. The pagans, Jesus says, had rulers who lorded it over them. But Christianity is about a rethinking of leadership and the way everyone lives. It may seem hard, for putting others first may go against our survival instinct, but the Gospel offers hope too. The apostles went on to be inspired by the Holy Spirit and to spread the Good News, taking Jesus' message to heart. So they show us that ambition and pride can give way to self-giving and humility. We can all follow in the footsteps of the one who paid the ransom. We are set free by his perfect sacrifice to discover and develop all that is best of our humanity, for the greater glory of God. It is then that we can approach the throne of grace, as today's reading from Hebrews puts 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

Fr Declan Away

Please note there will be no weekday masses for the next two weeks. Fr Gus O'Reilly or Fr. Pat O'Connor will be celebrating the weekend masses in our parish. If you need a priest in a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Damian on 01226 284961 or 07791554214

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

World Mission Sunday 24th October 2021

There will be a second collection next Sunday for World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. For more information, visit the website at missio.org.uk

Synod 2021-2023

Every Parish in the diocese has been invited to nominate two representatives to join the Synod Working Group. If you would like to volunteer in this role please speak to Fr Declan. The first meeting will take place over Zoom on 22nd October 2021 at 7.00pm. Make sure that your details are returned in time for you to get the invitation to the meeting. Further information from synod@hallam-diocese.com

Bonus Ball – Goldthorpe

Last weekend the bonus ball was 55, which is a spare number, so yet another rollover, making the prize this weekend a massive £100! 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