

<p>1st Sunday of Advent First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16 The prophet looks forward to a time when honesty and integrity will flourish.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul</p> <p>Second Reading 1 Thess 3:12 – 4:2 Paul urges the Christian community to live the life that God wants.</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and show us your saving help Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel Luke 21:25-28. 34-36 Jesus tells his disciples that despite the world's troubles and turmoil, liberation is close at hand.</p>
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Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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First Sunday of Advent Weekday Cycle I

“Hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.”

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday (St Michael`s)	27 Nov	5.30pm	Doreen Peries RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	28 Nov	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen`s)	28 Nov	11.00am	Terence Dyson RIP
Tuesday Live Streamed	30 Nov	12.00pm	The Yorkshire Brethren
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	1 Dec	12.00pm	Holy Souls
Thursday (St. Helen`s)	2 Dec	12.00pm	Tom Flanagan RIP
Friday (Sacred Heart)	3 Dec	12.00pm	Steven Jones RIP
Saturday Live Streamed.	4 Dec	12.00pm	Holy Souls
Saturday (St Michael`s)	4 Dec	5.30pm	Tommy Desmond RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	5 Dec	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen`s)	5 Dec	11.00am	Kath Hardy 90 th Birthday

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.

An elderly woman had been living in a nursing home for years. She had lost the ability to perform many everyday tasks for herself, but she had retained the use of her hands. With these hands she produced the most beautiful embroidery. One day she showed a visitor her latest creation, a beautiful pattern of flowers and birds. “This”, she said, “is the way God sees our world: a thing of beauty, ordered and harmonious.” Then, reversing the material, she showed the other side: the little tufts and loose ends, the irregular patterns. “And this”, she added, “is the world we see: disordered, problems unresolved, questions unanswered. But it will not always be like this. Next time you come I will have tidied up that side too and it will be as good as the other. This is what God will do at the end of time. God will tidy up what human beings have disturbed and put right what has gone wrong.”

At first glance, today's scripture readings seem to come from another world. Jeremiah looks forward to honesty and integrity in the land. Paul expects us to live a blameless life as we wait for Christ to come. And Jesus speaks of a day when “the powers of heaven will be shaken”, which almost sounds like a scene from a movie. Jeremiah and Paul, and even Jesus himself, may appear more concerned with another world than relevant to the one in which we live. Yet their world was not that different from the world we know today. Jeremiah's words were spoken in a time of conflict and division, as the Babylonian armies began their destruction of Jerusalem. Paul wrote when the first Christians were beginning to despair under the pressure of persecution. And Jesus' words came as he faced the prospect of his passion; it was a time when his teaching about God's love met opposition from an unbelieving world. How can we see the visions of today's readings as relevant to our lives and our world today? When we look at the world using our own eyes it can appear broken and confusing, as if we were looking at the back of the elderly woman's embroidery. But if we learn to look through the eyes of Christ, we can recognise something beautiful. We see a purpose in life; we are given true insight. The necessary “tidying up” may not come until the end of time when, in Jesus' words, the Son of Man will appear “with power and great glory”, but the picture can already be recognised.

The season of Advent prepares us to look at the world through Christ's eyes: it prepares us for his coming into our lives in a deeper way. Sometimes people think that we prepare by ignoring the world we live in, or imagine that the difficulties of this life are an obstacle between ourselves and God. But Christ makes it plain that we prepare for his coming precisely by taking a searching look at this world and perceiving, through the disorder, the guiding hand of God. With Christ's insight we can recognise that God is truly with us.

Advent is a time set aside to stop and reflect on how Christ comes into our lives. First, Advent directs us to the birth of Christ in Bethlehem. Our faith is founded on a real event in human history: that in the birth of Jesus Christ, God came into the world as a human being.

Second, Advent directs our attention to Christ's coming in our everyday life. He comes when we least expect him: in the awkward person we have to deal with; when we are feeling unwell or tired with the difficulties of life. Our daily prayer can help us to prepare for those moments.

Finally, Advent directs us to Christ's coming for the last time – the “day [that] will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap”. If we have contemplated his coming at Christmas and in our daily life, this final coming will be no fearful scanning of the horizon, hoping we will not be caught unawares. It will be a welcoming of a Lord who has been as close to us as he is in our celebration of the Eucharist: a God with whom we have been in such close communion that we have learned to see the world through God's eyes.

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Geraldine Pickles, Harrison Fisher, Michael Bennett, 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

Barnsley Hospital Chaplaincy Update

The out of hours 'on call' Chaplaincy provision for all denominations, including Catholics, has recently been suspended at the hospital. The only way that a Catholic priest can now be called, should you require the sacraments out of office hours during your stay, is by patients giving the contact details of their Parish Priest to the ward staff on admission. This is a somewhat regrettable move by the hospital and has already resulted in one patient dying without recourse to the sacraments. Fr Damian is working in collaboration with ecumenical partners to try and get the 'on call' chaplaincy provision reinstated as soon as possible.

Needy Parishes

Thank you for your donations, you have raised £213.32 so far.

Change to Mass time in Hoyland

Please note that Thursday mass in St Helen's is now at **12 noon**.

Hallam News...

Is back! Now available from our three churches. Please take a copy home with you - do not read it and put it back.

First Holy Communion Programme 2022

The next meeting will be on Monday 6th December from 6.00pm to 7.15pm in St Michael's Church Hall and is for both children and their parents.

Bonus Ball – Goldthorpe

The winning number was 53 which means another rollover, £75 to the lucky winner. Please see George Burnitt if you would like a number, there are a few spare ones.

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