

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Daniel 12:1-3

There will come a time of great suffering and distress, but the Lord will protect his faithful people.

Responsorial Psalm 15:5,8-11

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Second Reading Hebrews 10:11-14. 18

Christ has offered himself as the supreme sacrifice to forgive all sin, and awaits the fulfilment of God's kingdom and glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 13:24-32

Jesus speaks to his disciples about the coming of the Son of Man in glory and its consequences.

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Weekday Cycle I

"As for that day or hour, nobody knows it... no one but the Father."

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday (St Michael`s)	13 Nov	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	14 Nov	9.00am	Intentions of Lee Conway
Sunday (St Helen`s)	14 Nov	11.00am	Brian McAllister RIP
Tuesday Live Streamed	16 Nov	12.00pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	17 Nov	12.00pm	John Waldan-Jones Illness
Thursday (St. Helen`s)	18 Nov	7.00pm	Minnie Helen Pozorski 100 th Birthday
Friday (Sacred Heart)	19 Nov	12.00pm	Jane Thurston RIP
Saturday Live Streamed.	20 Nov	12.00pm	Holy Souls
Saturday (St Michael`s)	20 Nov	5.30pm	Jack and Vera O`Connell RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	21 Nov	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen`s)	21 Nov	11.00am	Roy and Mabel Steeple 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.

A few years ago, in the Philippines, there was a drive to inoculate the population against a dangerous and infectious disease. A certain mother had been reluctant to have her children vaccinated and, tragically, two of them subsequently died of the illness. When the nurse asked why she had not had them protected by a simple injection, she replied that she had heard that it was dangerous and likely to produce severe side effects. When questioned as to where she had gained this information, she answered, "On social media". This sad, but unfortunately not unusual, case led to a forceful campaign against this type of misinformation.

The rise of social media has brought many benefits, easing communication to such an extent that we can speak or exchange messages instantly to relatives or friends on the other side of the world. But, as often happens, there is a dark side to it: genuine mistakes may be accepted and spread as accurate – worse, there is the deliberate encouraging of negative attitudes, the spreading of false reports, the cynical manipulation of the truth to secure a certain outcome or result. It can be difficult to tell what is true and what is not: sometimes, a simple misunderstanding on a person's part can have unforeseen consequences.

Our Gospel passage today is of the type of writing most easily misunderstood in the Bible: it is known as "apocalyptic", and the last book of the Christian scriptures is often called "Apocalypse", which means "Revelation". It is set at the end of time, and describes the natural and human upheavals which will accompany the second coming of Christ and the establishing of God's eternal kingdom. However, this particular literary genre has a definite purpose: it is to encourage the community to stand firm in the face of persecution. The book of Daniel urges the Jewish faithful to resist the determined, cruel attempts by their overlord to replace their traditional religion and culture with that of the Greek empire; the book of Revelation and apocalyptic passages in the Gospels tell the Christian disciples that the Roman empire will not prevail for ever, that God will rescue and vindicate those who remain faithful – eventually.

The main difficulty with this type of writing is that people can take it literally. Some will say, "It's the word of God, therefore it must be literally true." There are two ways

in which such a misunderstanding of the literary form of apocalyptic can have unintended consequences or be misused. The first is that some people see in natural events, such as earthquakes, floods and the like, signs that the end of the world is imminent. This can cause panic, especially when a significant date is looming, such as the turn of the century.

A second, and more serious, misinterpretation of apocalyptic writing is thinking that we can actually hasten, or at least facilitate, the coming of the kingdom. Some fundamentalist Christians, who take the biblical text literally, see in natural disasters, and in some political movements and developments, clear signs of the arrival of the kingdom: this can lead to their opposing initiatives to tackle global problems such as the climate emergency, or even to supporting government policies which could lead to nuclear war, as such a conflagration would correspond to many of the details described in the Gospel reading today. These may be extreme examples, but they are none the less real.

We are approaching the end of the Church's year, and our scripture readings have encouraged us to reflect on the end of time. This is not so that we will become morbid, but that we will take seriously what time we have. Jesus tells us that "as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father". Perhaps we might reflect on the teaching that along with the final appearing of the Lord comes judgement: the book of Genesis makes it clear that the earth is given to human beings to be used, but also to be treated with respect. In some ways, the teachings of Jesus can be summed up as "respect one another". Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we pray, "thy kingdom come": these readings are put before us to remind us of our responsibilities towards one another and our world, so that whenever the Lord comes, he will find us truly awake and read

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Ann Lockwood Harrison Fisher, Deacon Chris Kime of Doncaster, 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

Next weekend there will be a collection for those parishes that need a little extra help.

World Mission Sunday Collection 17th October

Thanks to your generous donations, the parish has raised £300 for this good cause.

Sick & Retired Clergy

Thank you for your donations. So far, you have donated £385.55

Marist Way and Rosary at Goldthorpe

Rosary on the 17th November is cancelled. The next Marist Meeting with Rosary is on Wednesday November 24th at 2.00pm

Holy Souls

During the month of November, we pray especially for those who have died. If you would like a mass for your loved ones, the Holy Souls lists and envelopes are now available from church. The masses will then be said throughout the coming year.

Bonus Ball – Goldthorpe

This week's winning number was 19, Teresa Swindells was the lucky winner.

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