

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



PARISH PRIEST: Fr Declan Brett.

Parish Office: 01226 752372

email: parishofcorpuschristi@gmail.com

Website: <https://corpuschristi.hallam-diocese.com>

Facebook: Corpus Christi Dearne Valley

Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

Dave Coefield 07754 471052, Sheila Marren 07932 722188

Roman Catholic Diocese of Hallam Trust • Registered Charity Number 512021

Sunday 21st November 2021

Sunday Year B

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King

Weekday Cycle I

"Mine is not a kingdom of this world."

Service Times & Intentions

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
Tuesday Live Streamed	23 Nov	12.00pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	24 Nov	12.00pm	Gerard Batty RIP
Thursday (St. Helen`s)	25 Nov	12.00pm	A full recovery for Harrison Fisher
Friday (Sacred Heart)	26 Nov	12.00pm	John Nally RIP
Saturday Live Streamed.	27 Nov	12.00pm	Cyril Howitt RIP
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

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.

Holman Hunt's famous painting *The Light of the World* has been described as "a sermon on canvas". After its completion in 1853 it toured the world, with huge crowds queueing to see it. The painting's inspiration comes from the book of the Apocalypse. Jesus stands, dressed as a king, knocking on a door covered with dead and overgrown foliage. He is waiting, lantern in hand, to be let in but there is no handle on the outside of the door, which can only be opened from the inside. The door symbolises the human soul. Jesus knocks and waits patiently, willing to come in and make himself at home, but only our choice to open our minds and hearts will allow him in.

Today's Gospel is all about the reversal of power and of the rule of might. We celebrate God's eternal triumph over evil, but when that triumph took place in the life of Jesus it looked like a thorough defeat. His own disciples on the road to Emmaus talked of the disappointment of their dreams of glory, "Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free." Even after he had appeared for forty days in his risen body, the disciples still could not shake off their attachment to the trappings of worldly power, asking, "Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" It took the early Church a very long time to accept that Jesus was operating to an entirely different scale of values. The crucifixion came as a huge shock to those who had followed him, dreaming of triumph over Rome. The history of the Church has been, and still is, beset by our continuing addiction to the exercise of power.

However much Jesus' followers think that they have taken on board his teachings, the track record of the Church shows that power continues to be an attractive drug to which many are addicted. Over the past few decades there have been repeated and devastating revelations about sexual abuse within the Church. The abuses themselves, and the equally appalling failure to deal with them, have principally arisen through the desire for and abuse of power, and the failure of the human imagination to envisage any system of organisation other than one that empowers the minority and disempowers the majority. It's a depressing picture for all who love Jesus and hope to build a community of faith, hope and love in his name.

Yet today's feast should give us heart. There is a remedy for the ills of the Church and indeed for those of the wider world. Anyone baptised is invited to share in Jesus' threefold ministry as prophet, priest and king. Called to prophecy, we are invited to be courageous in proclaiming by our words and our lives the righteousness of God and God's saving love for all that lives. This may include speaking challenging truths to those in power.

Called to share in the priesthood of all believers, we are invited to make of every aspect of our daily living, however small and apparently trivial, an offering of love and service. Called to live by kingdom values, we are invited to build a community of encounter, of human solidarity and of mutual support in which we see Jesus in the least of our sisters and brothers. This is our final answer to all structures and systems that thrive on oppression and on robbing others of their God-given dignity.

It is difficult for us to wean ourselves off the addiction to authority as power. The crowds who heard Jesus commented that he spoke "as one with authority" and not as the Pharisees who built up their own prestige by belittling others. At Christmas we celebrate a king born in a stable, who becomes a refugee and a foreign migrant, who becomes a working man and who sides with people who are marginalised. At Easter we celebrate a king who makes himself the servant of his disciples and who chooses to die naked and alone. The message could not be clearer, but we have to be willing to open the door of our minds and hearts to take in the meaning of Jesus, our servant king.

Reflection by Redemptorists Publications. Used with permission

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Clare Dingwall, 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.

Marist Way and Rosary at Goldthorpe

Rosary is each Wednesday at 2.00pm at Goldthorpe The next Marist Meeting with Rosary is on Wednesday November 24th.

Change to Mass time in Hoyland

Please note that Thursday mass in St Helen's will be at **12 noon** from the 25th November onwards.

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.

Needy Parishes

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

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

The Bonus Ball last week was 54 so the prize will rollover.

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