

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas

**First Reading** Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2. 8-12  
Wisdom has taken root in God's people.

**Responsorial Psalm** 147:12-13,14-15, 19-20  
The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

**Second Reading** Ephesians 1:3-6. 15-18  
We have been chosen to live through love in God's presence as God's adopted children.

### Gospel Acclamation

#### Alleluia, Alleluia!

Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans; Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world.

#### Alleluia!

**Gospel** John 1:1-18  
The Word was made flesh and lived among us.

## Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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*"We saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth."*

### Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>1 Jan</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>2 Jan</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Jemima McDonald RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen`s)	<b>2 Jan</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Ann Lockwood RIP
Tuesday Live Streamed	4 Jan	12.00pm	Yorkshire Brethren
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	5 Jan	12.00pm	Audrey O`Neill RIP
Thursday (St. Helen`s)	6 Jan	12.00pm	Holy Souls
Friday (Sacred Heart)	7 Jan	12.00pm	Gough Family RIP
Saturday Live Streamed	8 Jan	12.00pm	John Nally RIP
<b>Saturday</b> <b>(St Michaels)</b>	<b>8 Jan</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>9 Jan</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Gordon English RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen`s)	<b>9 Jan</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Barry Cooper 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.

When something new is invented, we have an innate tendency to say, "It will never catch on!" People have said it about railways, the combustion engine, powered flight, television, the internet... the list is endless. Later, looking back, we find it hard to think of a world in which these inventions did not exist. Human inventions have taken over from nature in providing us with the background to our lives. For most of us, wherever we live, it's hard to escape the hum of traffic, the vapour trails in the sky or the presence of chemicals in our air, water and food.

Possibly one of our greatest inventions is our capacity to record all that happens around us. We began as human beings with the great gift of memory, and for a long time we relied on spoken traditions and assimilated practices to pass on our culture and beliefs. Then came the written word and pictures, codifying our lives but also continuing the work of imagination in art, poetry and song. Later came the world of radio, telephone and television. Now, with the microchip's extraordinary abilities, we can record everything and communicate everything. The question is whether this creative blitz, with all the power of modern technology, overwhelms our human receivers – our ears, eyes and feelings. How do we discern what is true and what is good in all this glittering world?

The whole of John's Gospel is the evangelist's attempt to answer this question of discernment. Jesus is portrayed as the healer and teacher who embodies in himself the truth we search. As Jesus will say to Thomas: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." In the Prologue to his Gospel John summarises the historical sweep of this act of revelation. The Word was always in the world. It was there before the world began, intimately involved with its creation. It was there in creation itself, but people failed to recognise it, even though it was the life and light by which they existed.

John the Baptist came to announce that the Word was coming into the world in a new way. The Word became flesh. He became a human being, not through purely human action but by the power of God. He did this so that we in our turn might become children of God. If we accept him, if we believe in him, then we see and share in his glory. In the history of salvation the Law may have come through Moses,

but grace and truth come through the person of Jesus Christ. In the Gospel itself Jesus will fill out this unfolding story of salvation. He will show signs, he will heal, he will teach, each word and event pointing out how he offers us what God offers, calling us to believe in him so that we may have the gift of eternal life. This is our sharing in his glory, our being with him in the love he shares with his Father.

We have different ways of knowing, different ways of understanding in our world. We have truths of the heart and truths of the mind. Ultimately they all come together in harmony, but from our partial viewpoints the threads that link and unite may be invisible. We often see more easily the differences, the conflicts between beliefs, truths and convictions. This affects not just the way we think but the way we live. We may see the differences between ourselves and our neighbours as dividing us rather than building a new and greater unity.

However, in our celebration of the coming of Christ into the world we celebrate the unifying link between the threads. He is the one who brings the different colours of the spectrum into glorious unity. It is an act of faith that joins us to him, a truth of the heart that leads us to shape differently the truths of reason, heart and experience so that they blend rather than fragment. Each hand I touch is that of a friend, not an enemy. Each word I hear I use to increase my wisdom rather than to disown or disrespect its speaker. We uncover the mystery of God's love for us and in so doing discover the love that binds us together in our world. Once taken into this mystery we cannot let it go, for we have been taken into the mystery of God's own glory.

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### **Prayers for the Sick**

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Clare Dingwall, Dominic Kilroy, Michael Bennett, Chris Haigh, Janette Barber, Claire Selby, Paddy McNicholas, Peter Hutchinson, Anne Whittingham, Sue Bird, David Hardy, Tess Lynch, Edna Yates, Justin Phillip Collins, Hannah Prentiss, Pat and Colin Hermitage, Thomas Collins, Norma Marshall, 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 soul of Mary Gibson who died recently. Mary's funeral will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am at Sacred Heart, Goldthorpe. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers

### **Barnsley Hospital Chaplaincy Update**

The out of hours 'on call' Chaplaincy provision for all denominations, including Catholics, has recently been suspended. 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.

Fr Damian is working in collaboration with ecumenical partners to try and get the 'on call' chaplaincy provision re-instated as soon as possible.

### **First Holy Communion Programme 2022**

The next meeting will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January from 6.00pm to 7.15pm in St Michael's Church Hall and is for the children only.

### **Bonus Ball – Goldthorpe**

The winning number was 18, J Mayfield was the lucky winner of £50 rollover!

### **Synod 2021-2023**

Pope Francis has asked every one of the People of God to let him know how things are for them in the Church. He believes we are all trying to journey together through life, finding ways to communicate the fundamental message of Jesus, to love one another, in how we live our lives and in our words. That is the meaning of the word "Synodal" – it means "journeying together".

He has asked the Bishops of the world to ask you and then tell him. You can do this with other people in your parish; tell Bishop Ralph what you think between October 2021 to 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Our three Parish Representatives, Amanda Campbell, Elizabeth Salmon and Helen Grayson, will be inviting you to share your thoughts. Please collect the information from church, or find more information at [synod@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:synod@hallam-diocese.com)

### **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

0 Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help	Pray for us
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