

## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19  
We are all called by God from the moment of our creation in the womb for one purpose: life with God. The opportunity is there for us to make a difference in our world

**Responsorial Psalm** 70:1-6,15,17  
My lips will tell of your help.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 12:31, 13:13  
The greatest spiritual gift is love. Love is not just a feeling; it is a way of life that includes a commitment to others.

## 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** Luke 4:21-30  
Jesus is rejected by the people of Nazareth. They go in a short time from marvelling at his words to turning into a mob threatening to kill him.

## Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

*"When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged."*

## Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> (St Michael's)	<b>29 Jan</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Mary and Jim Fleming RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>30 Jan</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Angela Hays RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen's)	<b>30 Jan</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	People of the Parish
Tuesday Live Streamed	1 Feb	12.00pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday (St Michael's)	2 Feb	12.00pm	
Thursday (St. Helen's)	3 Feb	12.00pm	Bill Callaghan RIP
Friday (Sacred Heart)	4 Feb	12.00pm	Mary Gibson RIP
Saturday Live Streamed	5 Feb	12.00pm	
<b>Saturday</b> <b>(St Michaels)</b>	<b>5 Feb</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Jack and Vera O'Connell RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>6 Feb</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen's)	<b>6 Feb</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Thomas Ward RIP

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** is at 3.00pm on Fridays at St. Michael's Church

**Lectio Divina** is suspended for the time being

**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.

In November 2020, more than fifty people of different faiths in Birmingham, England, shared in an online webinar their experiences of Covid-19 restrictions and interfaith collaboration. A Sikh spoke of his community's concern for vulnerable people and felt the pandemic spotlighted inequalities and the need for collective social action. Hindus believe giving of surplus is rewarding and benefits the community, and food boxes were regularly delivered to people isolating at home. "Covid has shown how interdependent we are," a representative said. A Muslim teacher said she was one of many who cooked extra food and brought it to the mosque, where people in need could collect it. Her mosque helped out a nearby church that phoned when their food bank ran low. "Humanity really came through," she said.

A Catholic priest in the Archdiocese of Birmingham Commission for Inter-Religious Dialogue said faith communities were at the forefront of response to the pandemic crisis. "They don't share faith but they share a common humanity," he said. A representative of the Columban Missionary Society shared its charism of crossing boundaries to engage with people of other faiths. The gathering concluded that dialogue around daily life and common action is a foundation for promoting peace and the common good. The meeting ended with the Hindu greeting "Namaste", which means "the Divinity in me recognises the Divinity in you".

In today's Gospel, Jesus has just been enthusiastically acclaimed in the synagogue at Nazareth for announcing the promised Jubilee, which he calls "the Lord's year of favour". Yet the whole mood suddenly changes. The listeners become so set against him that he is in danger. But what happens to make the crowd turn on him so quickly? They are upset because Jesus had been working all kinds of miracles and healings in Capernaum and other places, only now returning to his hometown of Nazareth. Jesus antagonises them further by telling them that his mission and the "Lord's year of favour" will not be restricted to them but extends to people who are not Jewish. He reminds them of two people outside the Jewish faith who were blessed by God in the scriptures. The listeners have a sense of privilege that comes from having as a miracle worker one of the kids who grew up locally. Yet they want to keep the best things in life – that is, God and God's favours – within their own closed circle and the

Jewish community. The sense of privilege, of having some special status with Jesus, evaporates as it dawns on them that they are going to get no special treatment. What should have been joy at the prospect of many being helped by Jesus turns to rage that he would so freely bestow “the Lord’s favour”. Jesus’ fellow villagers display their lack of openness to his message by pushing him out of the synagogue. They are about to hurl him down a hill when he manages to slip away and continue his work elsewhere. In Luke’s Gospel Jesus never returns to Nazareth.

God’s love isn’t just for Christians. It is for everybody, and how wonderful that love is. In the first reading, the Lord says: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.” The second reading is heard often at weddings, but the love it highlights goes beyond love of a partner. It is a love that is a way of life, extending to the whole of society. Jesus calls on us to be open and loving outside our own community. He urges us not to be suspicious of other people just because they come from different cultural, religious or social backgrounds. We are asked not to settle into security, but to embrace newness and take risks for the sake of the kingdom. A true embrace of this mission will call us out of our comfort zones and challenge us to be witnesses of love in a divided world.

Could we find out about local ecumenical and interfaith initiatives that promote mutual respect, understanding and cooperation between believers? These could be: working together on social concerns; working together on environmental issues and to promote peace; rejecting religious extremism; and acting in solidarity with victims of religious discrimination. Cultural, ethnic, linguistic and religious diversity is deeply embedded in the life of our cities. Religious believers can contribute to the harmony and wellbeing of society. Engagement promotes initiatives around dialogue on daily life, and common action is a foundation for promoting peace and the common good.

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### **Prayers for the Sick**

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Janet O Brien, Ralph Blackburn, 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, Kath Cragg, Michael Foy, Shirley Broadhead, Norah Preuss, Mavis Guilcher, Andrew Chandler

### **Marist Way and Rosary at Goldthorpe**

Rosary at Goldthorpe will be every **Wednesday** at 1.30pm.

The first Marist Meeting with Rosary is on Wednesday February 9th.

### **Wombwell Luncheon Club – St Michael’s Parish Hall**

The Lunch club meet each Thursday at noon, providing a freshly made two course lunch, followed by tea or coffee and biscuits, There is also Bingo and a free raffle. The cost is £4 and is open to anyone.

### **Membership Support Officer – Hallam Diocese**

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) in the Hallam diocese is seeking a Membership Support Office to work a flexible average of 15 hours per week. This would be home based but would require the ability to travel around the diocese to engage with current conferences, meet with parish priests to arrange appeals, set up new groups and provide and offer support to the SVP membership across the diocese.

For further information about this opportunity please contact Lance Philpott, SVP Head of Membership at [lancep@svp.org.uk](mailto:lancep@svp.org.uk)

### **Bonus Ball – Goldthorpe**

The winning number was 28, M Walton was the lucky winner. Please see George Burnitt if you would like a number, so you not only have a chance of winning, you are also helping the parish.

### **2022 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Friday 24th June–Thursday 30th June**

(6 nights) £765.00 Full Board flying from Doncaster Airport. Insurance £33. Booking form and further details available from [www.hallam-lourdes.com](http://www.hallam-lourdes.com) or telephone 07724 650066. Please note: everyone participating in the 2022 pilgrimage must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19. The travel organisers feel that it is possible to plan for the pilgrimage to take place safely, but if it does not prove to be possible and the diocese cancels, then full refunds will be made. Please see the posters for further details, or visit [hallamlourdespilgrimage@gmail.com](mailto:hallamlourdespilgrimage@gmail.com)

### **Synod Open Meeting 10.00am Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

You are all welcome to attend an Open Synod Meeting in St. Michael’s Church Hall at 10.00am to 12.30pm on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January. This is one of many meetings throughout the Diocese and it would be wonderful if as many Corpus Christi parishioners as possible could attend.

### **Hallam Bethlehem Fund**

Thank you for your Christmas crib donations, which raised £36.81 for the Hallam Bethlehem Fund.

### **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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