

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8
A vision of God's holiness and glory left the prophet Isaiah feeling wretchedly unclean. Nevertheless, Isaiah became God's messenger.

Responsorial Psalm

137:1-5,7-8
Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Paul, to whom the resurrected Jesus appeared, also felt unworthy. By God's grace, he changed from persecuting the Church to becoming an apostle.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11
Peter was another who felt unfit to be in the company of Jesus. Assured of God's favour, he was sent out to become a fisher of people.

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Weekday Cycle II

"Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man."

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday (St Michael's)	5 Feb	5.30pm	Jack and Vera O'Connell RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	6 Feb	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen's)	6 Feb	11.00am	Thomas Ward RIP
Tuesday Live Streamed	8 Feb	12.00pm	People of the Parish
Wednesday (St Michael's)	9 Feb	12.00pm	John Nally RIP
Thursday (St. Helen's)	10 Feb	12.00pm	O'Neill Family Intentions
Friday (Sacred Heart)	11 Feb	12.00pm	William Unsworth RIP
Saturday Live Streamed	12 Feb	12.00pm	Yorkshire Brethren
Saturday (St Michaels)	12 Feb	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	13 Feb	9.00am	Mary Gibson RIP
Sunday (St Helen's)	13 Feb	11.00am	Annie and John 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.

Commercial fishing is not for the faint-hearted. Workers on factory ships remain at sea for weeks at a time. Fishing is number one on the world's list of deadly occupations. Fatalities at sea are far higher than in other dangerous jobs such as the army or fire service. Rogue waves are known to sweep people off deck. Modern vessels are full of winding gear and hazardous machinery. Dwindling fish stocks have made fishing extremely competitive, so that the "race to fish" often means working fast.

Fishing has always been a dangerous occupation. It certainly was in St Peter's day. The Sea of Galilee is a lake. That might sound less treacherous than the open sea, but storms can whip up the surface without warning. Fisherfolk liked to stay close to shore. Sometimes they fished from the beach, casting a net into the shallows. As for the middle of the lake, the water there was too deep for comfort. Demons lurked below, or so they feared. Courage, patience, strength... these were not always enough. However hard they might work, fisherfolk sometimes caught nothing at all. It was natural to conclude that they must have done something sinful to have forfeited God's favour. It was sometimes not just the smell of fish pervading Capernaum, it seems, but an air of despondency.

Jesus had made his home in this fishing port, and in today's Gospel we catch up with him in a little bay south-west of the town, a kind of "theatre" of nature. Tourists still marvel at its acoustics – they call it the "Bay of the Parables". Jesus was teaching people from Simon's boat so that the surface of the water could amplify his voice. The fishermen had been washing their nets at a place where spring water cascades into the lake. Nets were made of linen thread in those days. Although the men had caught nothing that night, it was important to wash and thoroughly dry their nets; otherwise they would rot.

Jesus suggested they go fishing again, with him this time and further out. The fishermen, however, were ready for bed. They worked at night because in daylight fish could see the nets. In any case, the nets were now drying. We can imagine the reluctance with which Simon's crew set out again. When they did, the boat nearly sank, the nets were torn – but the catch was the biggest they had ever hauled. Good

fortune on that scale seemed more than they deserved, which disturbed Simon. You might recall today's first reading, where the prophet Isaiah felt unclean and ashamed in the holy presence of God. That was evidently how Simon felt in the company of Jesus. Like Isaiah, he was having to adjust to a new way of thinking: to believe that God really does love imperfect men and women; that blessings do not come as a reward for good behaviour, but because God is good. Simon, that morning, encountered grace

Any experience of unmerited love is likely to be transformative, though it is hard for some people to believe they are loved at all. It took some persuasion for Simon to open himself to the fierce love of God that cleanses and transforms. Yet it is not long before we see him invigorated and hope-filled, and given a new name, Peter, meaning "rock". Faith empowered him to make a difference in his world, saving people instead of catching fish. Many people expect little from life, convinced that they are unlovable or beyond redemption. Jesus calls us to "put out into the deep", to trust that God really does love and want to bless us. Faith, like seafaring, is a kind of venturing out. Fear may hold us back: fear of what might be lurking in the deep of our own hearts, or fear of what God may ask of us. Perhaps it feels safer to remain as we are. There is something reassuring about nets drying on a sunlit beach – who would want to risk them getting torn?

"Leave me, Lord," begged Simon. Deep down, is it our prayer too? If so, the Lord will never answer "Yes". The Lord yearns to be part of our everyday experience; to accompany us to places within ourselves where we dare not venture; to gift our lives with abundance. Don't be frightened, says Jesus. God means to wash, untangle and fill us – a bit like those fishing nets.

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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 is every **Wednesday** at 1.30pm.
The first Marist Meeting with Rosary is on Wednesday February 9th.

Second Collection next weekend for Racial Justice Sunday

In our task, as disciples of Christ, our responsibility is to make sure people are treated with dignity at work and are not exploited. Migrant communities and those suffering from racial abuse are particularly vulnerable to being drawn into unjust working conditions and labour exploitation. Funds raised from next week's second collection will be used for promoting racial justice in England and Wales. You can find more about their good works by visiting <https://www.carj.org.uk>

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

Bonus Ball – Goldthorpe

The winning number was 46, John Bainbridge 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: 24th - 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 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

Synod

A reminder to return your Synod Questionnaire by 13th February, either by placing in one of the Synod box at the back of one of our 3 churches, handing to one of the Synod Representatives or sent directly to the Diocesan office, the address is on the back of the questionnaire. You can also complete on line at the Diocesan website link at [Synod – Hallam Diocese \(hallam-diocese.com\)](http://Synod – Hallam Diocese (hallam-diocese.com))

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