

2nd Sunday of Lent

First Reading Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
God offers the promise of a future full of hope to Abram, who shows himself to be a person of faith.

Responsorial Psalm 26:1,7-9,13-14
The Lord is my light and my help.

Second Reading Philippians 3:17-4:1
We are called to remain faithful in our following of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 9:28-36
On the mountain, Jesus is revealed to his disciples in his glory.

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday Year C

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Weekday Cycle II

"This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him."

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday (St Michael`s)	12 Mar	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	13 Mar	9.00am	Jenny Barzychi RIP
Sunday (St Helen`s)	13 Mar	11.00am	Alice and Jim Blanchfield RIP
Tuesday Live Streamed	15 Mar	12.00pm	Yorkshire Brethren
Wednesday (St. Michael`s)	16 Mar	12.00pm	Licy Shaji RIP
Thursday (St. Helen`s)	17 Mar	12.00pm	Liz Foody RIP
Friday (Sacred Heart)	18 Mar	12.00pm	Alton Alexander RIP
Saturday Live Streamed	19 Mar	12.00pm	
Saturday (St Michaels)	19 Mar	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	20 Mar	9.00am	Dennis Postlethwaite RIP
Sunday (St Helen`s)	20 Mar	11.00am	Successful Operation

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.

"The human journey is a continuous act of transfiguration." These words of the Irish poet John O'Donohue remind us that our journey through life is one of constant growth and change. This is true of both our internal and external worlds. Our readings today speak of change and of transfiguration, of the wonder of God's presence – and then of what that presence might lead us to do and to be. However, before any transformation can take place, it would seem that it is necessary to spend time listening and being present to the Lord in silence and in stillness. Then, strengthened in faith, like the disciples, we will be able to embrace a new future, trusting in our God who calls us towards something new and beautiful: Christ's transforming and transfiguring love.

In today's Gospel, Jesus takes the disciples away from their ordinary lives to the mountain, a place of silence and prayer. And there, while Jesus prays, he is transfigured. Jesus' whole appearance changes and he is seen in breath-taking glory. As Jesus is transfigured before them, the disciples are awestruck at the change in his appearance. It is too much for them to comprehend. While James and John remain silent, Peter is overcome by enthusiasm and the desire to do something momentous.

Jesus is silent, too, but the voice of the Father speaks from the clouds, telling the disciples that Jesus is God's Son, the "Chosen One", and urging them to "Listen to him." They are being directed to look at and to listen to Jesus. Jesus is now the gateway to the future, the fullest expression of the Father's love, and in the cloud covering the disciples with shadow, we are given a glimpse of the presence of the Holy Spirit. This profound experience of Jesus' transfiguration renders the disciples silent. They have no words and the encounter is so precious that they hold it within their own hearts, treasuring what they have seen and heard.

Like the disciples, it might be good for us to spend time alone with Jesus and simply to allow ourselves to be transformed in the light of his unconditional love. In our busy and noisy world, this can be a challenge. So perhaps we need to go "up the mountain" every now and again to find the quiet that will allow us to meet Christ and to be changed inwardly by his immense love for us. Our moments of being present

with Jesus can offer us an inner silence that brings us strength, and from which flows a tenderness for ourselves and for others.

Of course, you may say, Peter, James and John had to come down the mountain again. Indeed they had. However, lest we forget, they were still accompanied by Jesus on the way down the mountain and so are we in our own faith journey. Being chosen by Jesus to be present at this remarkable happening would have given the disciples courage and strength for the unknown future that Jesus in his mission and ministry is mapping out for his followers. Being with Jesus changed Peter, James and John, and it can transfigure our lives too

Pope Francis, in one of his homilies on the transfiguration, said the "instructions for the disciples and for us are this: 'Listen to him!' Listen to Jesus. He is the saviour: follow him. To listen to Christ, in fact, entails taking up the logic of his Paschal Mystery, setting out on the journey with him to make of oneself a gift of love to others." Pope Francis then suggested we look at the transfiguration in the following way: "with Peter, James and John we too climb the Mount of the Transfiguration today and stop in contemplation of the face of Jesus to retrieve the message and translate it into our lives; for we too can be transfigured by love".

In the light of our call to follow Christ each day, we might ask ourselves: Where do I need to be changed, or what in my heart and life needs to be "transfigured" by love? And, not least, "How can I bring Christ's transfiguring love to those around me?"

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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

First Holy Communion Programme 2022

The next meeting will be on Monday 14th March from 6.00pm to 7.15pm in St Michael's Church Hall and is for the children only.

Rosary at Goldthorpe

Rosary at Goldthorpe is every Wednesday at 1.30pm.

Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 6pm at St. John and St Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church in Goldthorpe. All are welcome.

Red Mission Boxes

Please bring in your Red Mission Boxes at your earliest convenience. If you are a UK Taxpayer, please consider using Gift Aid. Thank you for your support.

World Youth Day – Lisbon 2023

The Diocese has 35 places for 15-30 year olds. Please register your interest now with Fr Declan or email: smcdonald@hallam-diocese.com

CAFOD Family Fast Day 11th March

You can donate in church by using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/lent). The Lent appeal is for general funds which can be spent flexibly by CAFOD, wherever the need is greatest, following the advice of local Church partners. Crucially, these funds have allowed CAFOD to swiftly support our Church partners in the Ukraine, and have supported a rapid response to other emergencies e.g. in Afghanistan and Ethiopia.

Synod

Diocesan Pre-Synod Meeting 26th March 2022 St Peter's Doncaster 10:00am-2:30pm including shared lunch.

Participants will need to register for free to join events by visiting the Eventbrite page and choosing the event they want to attend:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/diocese-of-hallam-synod-38169347133>

Bonus Ball Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The winning number was 48. G Burnitt was the lucky winner in **Goldthorpe**.

If you would like to join in with the chance to win £25 as well as raising funds for the parish, please see George Burnitt in Sacred Heart, Goldthorpe or Pat Tomlinson in Hoyland St. Helen's.

SVP Update February 2022

Befriending has continued despite the pandemic but in most cases by telephone. On the parishes behalf we have made generous donations to the food bank to support the poor and hungry. Financial Assistance has been made to families including funding of pupil counselling due to the pandemic. There are currently seven Afghan families in Barnsley, along with Penistone SVP we have provided, toiletries, funds & a pram. Where appropriate homeless persons travelling through Barnsley have been supported. Any financial assistance to continue this vital work is appreciated, please put in an envelope marked SVP and give to Liz Salmon or Fr. Declan, or via the website [St Vincent de Paul Society England and Wales \(svp.org.uk\)](http://StVincentdePaulSocietyEnglandandWales.org.uk)

Text your name to 07873 407866 to join SVP or if you/someone you know require assistance. Thank you for all your support. God Bless.

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