

## Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022

Sunday Year C

Third Sunday of Easter

Weekday Cycle II

*"Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'"*

### Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>30 Apr</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	John Cutts RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	1 May	<b>9.00am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen`s)	1 May	<b>11.00am</b>	Mary and John Coefield RIP
Tuesday Live Streamed	3 May	12.00pm	
Wednesday (St. Michael`s)	4 May	12.00pm	Yorkshire Brethren
Thursday (St. Helen`s)	5 May	12.00pm	Special Intention (MM)
Friday (Sacred Heart)	6 May	12.00pm	Jack Barry RIP
Saturday (St Michaels)	7 May	12.00pm	Holy Souls
<b>Saturday Vigil</b> <b>(St Michaels)</b>	<b>7 May</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	John Cutts RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	8 May	<b>9.00am</b>	Ruth Adamson RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen`s)	8 May	<b>11.00am</b>	People of the Parish

**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.

How do we use the gifts we receive from God? Mary Lou Williams was an American jazz pianist and composer whose life spanned most of the twentieth century. She taught herself to play the piano at the age of three, and from six onwards, as the second child of a family of eleven, was already contributing to their financial survival. By the time she was an adult she had played and composed with most of the jazz greats of the time. From 1952 to 1954 she toured Europe and the years of hard playing and partying took their toll, resulting in a breakdown and a revulsion for the piano. Her recovery began with her conversion to Catholicism and the friendship of several priests who were also jazz lovers. Moved by the death of her great friend Charlie Parker, she began to use her savings to help addicted musicians, turning her house into a halfway house for poor people as well as the addicted musicians. Her priestly advisers persuaded her to return to music, telling her she could continue to serve God and the Church by using her exceptional musical gifts. With attendance at daily Mass as her regular support, she returned to her life of music but added religious compositions to her repertoire. Her charitable work continued with the setting up of a thrift store in Harlem, directing its proceeds, together with ten per cent of her own earnings, to musicians in need. Looking back on her life before she died in 1981, she remarked, "I did it, didn't I? Through muck and mud."

This final chapter of John's Gospel seems to be trying to sort out some unfinished business, namely the denial of Jesus by Peter. It is the story of Peter's reconciliation. It has three parts. Firstly, Peter returns unsuccessfully to fishing until Jesus appears and advises the fishermen what to do. Jesus then gently challenges Peter and finally foretells what Peter's end will be. Jesus' final words take us back to Peter's original calling. They are very simple: "Follow me."

If the resurrection stories in general offer a summary of the Gospel message, these three sections remind us of three significant truths. Peter attempts to return to his old profession but, without the presence of Jesus, even here he is unsuccessful. Once Jesus appears on the scene the situation is transformed. We are reminded of similar stories in the Gospels where Jesus brings abundance; he is an overflowing source of nourishment and goodness. Jesus teases Peter back into a loving relationship

with him. There is no reminder of what Peter has done, no condemnation. But Jesus does not let him off the hook. Earlier in the Gospel, Peter had given the right answer when Jesus asked, "Who do you say I am?" This is a simpler, more direct question: "Do you love me?" Again Peter gives the right answer, but he blusters when the question is repeated. What is he feeling? Embarrassed, mortified, afraid of the elephant in the room? But if Peter is being asked to confess his guilt, his penance is all the more telling. His claims of love for Jesus will be borne out in how he feeds and nurtures all who will be in his care. That will be the proof of his reconciliation. Finally, his reward will be like that of Jesus himself, to be disregarded and taken where he would rather not go. All he has to do is follow his Lord.

We may apply the threefold message to ourselves. Firstly, we will get nowhere by ourselves. We need the presence of Christ and his love to touch our hearts and enrich us through our faith and prayer, through the sacraments and through the love we receive from our fellow Christians. Our response, our love for Christ, is, however, only seen and given shape in our love for others, especially those in need. To do this we have to overcome our own selfishness and fears that push us to close ourselves down and not be open to the world beyond us. It is this sense of welcoming the challenge of the world that lies beyond us that will not only give us a share in the calling of our risen Lord. It will also help us deal with whatever life may demand of us in carrying out our response to the challenge. This will be our answer to the same question asked of us: "Do you love me?" – and also to Jesus' final instruction: "Follow 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, 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.

### **Requiescant in Pace**

We pray for the repose of the souls of Sister Elizabeth Cassidy, formerly of Our Lady of Sorrows, Armthorpe, and of Anne Whittingham who both died recently. Anne's Requiem will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm in St Michael's Church. The Requiem for Eileen Greensmith will be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00am in St Helen's, Hoyland.

### **Priest's Training Fund**

Next Sunday the Church marks the Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday', after the Gospel of the Day. The day also marks the World Day of Prayer for Vocations within the Church. There will be a second collection for the Priest's Training Fund (PTF) which is aimed at supporting those who offer themselves for the priesthood within our Diocese.

### **Rosary at Goldthorpe**

The Rosary at Goldthorpe will be every **Wednesday** at 2pm. The Rosary will be combined with the Marist Way once a month. The next Marist Meeting with Rosary is on Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Bonus Ball Goldthorpe and Hoyland**

The Bonus Ball was Number 15. Winners were Eddie Goddard in Goldthorpe and D Coefield in Hoyland. Please see George Burnitt in Sacred Heart, or Pat Tomlinson in St. Helen's if you wish to try your luck as there are still spare numbers available.

### **Mass Offerings**

There are plenty of Masses available for your intentions, especially for weekday masses. Please use one of the specially printed envelopes from the back of church.

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2022**

Bishop Ralph will be leading the Pilgrimage to the Shrine at Walsingham on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Further details and contact numbers can be found on the poster at the back of each church.

### **Caritas in the Diocese of Hallam**

A new group has been set up at Carmel Care Centre, Hillsborough. Please see the poster at the back of church if you are interested in joining in with this free activity.

### **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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