

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday 15th May 2022

Sunday Year C

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Weekday Cycle II

"Just as I have loved you, you also must love one another."

"All You Need Is Love" is one of the most famous songs by The Beatles. It was written in 1967 for a television programme called *Our World*, the first to be broadcast live to a global audience. Over 400 million people from twenty-five countries tuned in to watch it. The Beatles had been asked for a song that people of every nation could understand, which is why the lyrics are simple and repetitive: "All you need is love, love. Love is all you need..." The song's writer, John Lennon, was not the first to offer that message to the world. Almost two thousand years earlier, another John had uttered similar words to the Christians of his day. He was St John the Evangelist, thought to have been the author of today's second reading and Gospel. By tradition, St John lived to a very great age. When he became too frail to walk, his disciples would carry him to church. By now his voice was weak, but people kept begging him for a few words, because he was the last living link with the Lord Jesus. So St John would raise himself up on his stretcher. "Little children, love one another!" he would say. It was always the same thing and people started to tire of it. "Teacher, why do you always say this?" they complained. And the old man would reply, "Because the Lord commanded it, and if you keep that commandment, even if you do nothing else, it is sufficient."

Today's Gospel recalls the moment when the Lord gave that commandment to his followers. They were a diverse group, these disciples of Jesus, often at odds with one another. Jesus seems to have deliberately chosen people unlikely to form natural bonds of affection, as though their differences somehow commended them as champions of his way of love. "Love one another," he urged them, "just as I have loved you." He called this his "new" commandment, though there was already one very like it, for it was a requirement of the Jewish Law to love your neighbour as yourself. The new commandment, however, went much further. Jesus was asking his followers, not just to treat people as they themselves would like to be treated, but to treat people kindly *at whatever cost* to themselves. To love as Jesus loved was to love the unlovable; to forgive the unforgivable; to *keep on* loving and forgiving, whether or not it might be reciprocated. The disciples struggled with this radical redefinition of neighbourly love. They did not always approve of the people Jesus

5th Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 14:21-27

The first Christians were badly treated, but Paul and Barnabas lifted their spirits. We all go through many hardships, they said, on our way to glory.

Responsorial Psalm 144:8-13

I will bless your name forever,
O God my King

Second Reading Apocalypse: 21:1-5

There is to be no more suffering in God's new creation. Heaven will no longer be remote when God comes to dwell among humankind.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
Love one another just as I have loved you, Says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 13:31-35

Jesus helped his disciples to understand true glory. Selfless love was to be their rule of life

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	14 May	5.30pm	Donald Whitney RIP
Easter Sunday (Sacred Heart)	15 May	9.00am	People of the Parish
Easter Sunday (St Helen's)	15 May	11.00am	Andrew J Marren RIP
Tuesday Live Streamed	17 May	12.00pm	Yorkshire Brethren
Wednesday (St. Michael's)	18 May	12.00pm	Ann Whittingham RIP
Thursday (St. Helen's)	19 May	12.00pm	
Friday (Sacred Heart)	20 May	12.00pm	Holy Souls
Saturday (St Michaels)	21 May	12.00pm	
Saturday Vigil (St Michaels)	21 May	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	22 May	9.00am	Mary Gutowski RIP
Sunday (St Helen's)	22 May	11.00am	Bill Callaghan 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. It is always available upon request.

embraced and forgave. They were dismayed to see what it cost him. When he stooped to wash their own feet, Peter objected. Jesus, it seemed, was ready to suffer any amount of humiliation, even to risk his own life – and now he was expecting them to do the same. Today's Gospel, however, makes it clear: there is nothing shameful about serving others. On the contrary, it is a glorious thing. In that so-called "Summer of Love" of 1967, The Beatles' song "All You Need Is Love" became something of an anthem. Many young visionaries of that post-war generation dreamed of a new world, of not only a peaceful society, but a more permissive one. "Make love, not war!" they protested. Self-indulgence, however, was not what Jesus had in mind. Citizens of the kingdom of God were to share their lives in mutual fidelity, reverence and service. Indeed, when Jesus commanded people to love one another as he did, he was asking his followers to emulate God. That meant reaching out to people who were marginalised and stigmatised, welcoming home the sinner, feeding those who were hungry and caring for those who were sick. It made Jesus an outcast. Yet divine love knows no bounds: it is all grace, and whenever any of us imitate that seemingly impossible way of loving, God is seen in us and honoured. We live in an exciting age of rapid change, an age in which many have begun to embrace diversity and value people equally. Yet our Lord is still commanding us, his disciples, to go beyond the social norms of our day. He commands us, not just to love, but to love *as he loves*; to treat people well, whoever they are, and even if it creates difficulties for ourselves. We need not worry what other people will think. It is at such selfless moments that, in God's eyes, we appear not foolish, but glorious.

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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.

Requiescat in Pace

We pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Gutowski who died recently. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

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.

Rosary at Goldthorpe

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

Marist Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The annual Marist pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday 2nd July. The coach will pick up at St Michael's Wombwell at 7.30am then at Goldthorpe by the Anglican Church at 7.45am. Owing to higher fuel costs the price this year has had to increase to £20 per person, thank you for your understanding. Payment will be due by the weekend of 11/12 June. If you would like to join the pilgrimage please sign the list at the back of church which includes further contact details.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2022

Bishop Ralph will be leading the Pilgrimage to the Shrine at Walsingham on Saturday, 23rd July. Please see poster for further details.

Priest's Training Fund

Thank you for your generous donations. The Parish has raised £277.81

Mental Health Matters – Caritas Hallam Appeal 14th/15th May

Caritas Hallam offers a professional Schools Service to support children's mental health and well-being within our schools. They also provide professional counselling and 'cradle to grave' help and support to everyone in our communities. But not everyone can afford to pay for the help they need. This weekend's second collection will support the work of Caritas Hallam, with every penny going to support the mental health of the people in our Diocese. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

First Holy Communion in Corpus Christi Parish

Congratulations to the 30 children who are making their First Holy Communion this weekend.

On Saturday 21st May a Celebration Party will be held after the vigil mass, for which donations of cakes and biscuits would be most appreciated, enough for the 30 children and their families.

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The Bonus Ball was Number 39, the winners were V Jevons in Goldthorpe and C Tissington in St. Helen's.

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