

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday 29th May 2022

Sunday Year C

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Weekday Cycle II

"May they all be one."

World Communications Day reminds us that before his ascension Jesus commissioned his apostles and sent them out to the ends of the earth to make disciples of all people, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Today we pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to inspire us to live as missionary disciples, ready to share, in love and in word, the faith that shapes our lives.

In dioceses around the world, as part of the preparation for a General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in 2023, over the last months we have been listening to the joys, hopes, sorrows and anxieties of one another about the Church we love. We have been invited to consider how we can become a more missionary Church in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ so that we can reach out to those who do not know him and those who have walked away from their faith. Many people are thirsting to find a deeper meaning in their lives as well as a deeper peace. This is seen in the desire for retreats and pilgrimages, and in the interest in "mindfulness". Some find pathways of spirituality but are not interested in the structure of the Church; they are suspicious of institutions. As the preparations for the 2023 Synod continue across the world, we are more aware of the Church in every country and our unity with the Pope as the successor of Peter. As the Church faces these questions, we are also invited to listen to and reflect with our Christian brothers and sisters with whom we share a common baptism and desire greater unity. We are called to journey and walk together so that the world may believe in Jesus Christ who desires to draw the hearts of all people into communion. He offers the water of life freely to all who come to believe in him.

The division among Christians is a scandal that damages the witness of the Church. Today's Gospel is often used as a prayer for Christian unity, "May they all be one. Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me." As we walk together towards a day when there will, we pray, be unity, we are invited to pray together and act together, especially in the service of those who are poor and weak.

7th Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 7:55-60

St Stephen forgives those who put him to death. His prayer and courageous witness to his faith begin to open the heart of Saul.

Responsorial Psalm 96:1-2,6-7,9

The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Second Reading Apoc 22:12-14,16-17,20

The Lord Jesus invites people to turn to believe in him, the living water, and welcomes them into the banquet of heaven.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 17:20-26

Jesus prays for his followers to be closely united and witness to him by the love they show to others in the world.

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	28 May	5.30pm	Mary Gutowski RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	29 May	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen's)	29 May	11.00am	Margaret and Mint Burkinshaw RIP
Tuesday Live Streamed	31 May	12.00pm	NO MASS
Wednesday (St Michael's)	1 June	6.00pm	NO MASS
Thursday (St. Helen's)	2 June	7.00pm	NO MASS
Friday (Sacred Heart)	3 June	12.00pm	NO MASS
Saturday (St Michael's)	4 June	12.00pm	NO MASS
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	4 June	5.30pm	Elizabeth Hancock and Anne Whittingham RIP
Pentecost Sunday (Sacred Heart)	5 June	9.00am	Mary Gutowski RIP
Pentecost Sunday (St Helen's)	5 June	11.00am	People of the Parish

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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available upon request.

The Gospel invites us to build our relationship with Jesus Christ and deepen it so that our love for Jesus mirrors the love between the Father and the Son. We can bring ourselves into the silence of prayer and know that Christ is with us. He is with us when we gather to worship him at Mass. He is closest to us in Holy Communion and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

In the horror of the scene of St Stephen being stoned to death, Stephen remains peaceful and trusts in God. Around him there is noise and anger; vicious people who throw the stones; Saul looking on and enjoying the death of another Christian. Stephen trusts in the words of Jesus that he is with him and prays, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit", and "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." He forgives them from the depths of his heart.

One of the powerful ways in which Christians can journey together is to witness to the gift of forgiveness. The gift of forgiveness is at the heart of the Gospel. For some, such an abundance of mercy is a scandal in a world that condemns, punishes and finds it difficult to forgive the faults of others or restore offenders to society. Forgiveness of the past, of public faults, of sins, is something that is alien to many people, including those who proclaim a hard-line Gospel, often through social media, and focus on the sins of people rather than the mercy of God. The Church has also struggled through the ages when some voices have said that God's mercy should be limited. Pope Francis has expressed the desire that all try to find a home in the Church and invited us to walk together and accompany people so that they may be reintegrated into the Church. Your priests as pastors are called to welcome people and to try to help you walk this pathway of mercy and forgiveness.

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Bernadette Hoult, Janet O'Brien, Clare Dingwall, Michael Bennett, Christine 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 Ralph Blackburn and Dominic Kilroy who both died recently. The funeral of Ralph Blackburn will be on Friday 10th June at 10.00am in St Helen's. Dominic Kilroy will be brought into St. Helen's church on Wednesday 15th June at 4.00pm and his funeral will take place on Thursday 16th June at noon. Please keep their families and friends in your prayers.

Rosary at Goldthorpe

The Rosary at Goldthorpe is every **Wednesday** at 1.30pm. The next Marist Way meeting is on 8th June, following the Rosary.

Rainbows Bereavement Support

Rainbows are an organisation who support children who have been bereaved at a most difficult and painful time in their lives. They have a Part Time vacancy in the South Yorkshire area. Please see the notice board for further details.

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. Amanda Campbell will be at all 3 masses the weekend of 11/12 June to collect payments for the pilgrimage. Thank you.

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.

Padley Pilgrimage 2022 Sunday 10th July

In honour of the Padley Martyrs Blessed Robert Ludlam and Blessed Nicholas Garlick. Gather at Grindleford Station at 3.00pm for a procession to the Chapel for Mass at 3.30pm Please see the poster at the back of church for further details.

World Day of Communications Second Collection 29th May

This Sunday is World Communications Day, when we take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. There will be a second collection this weekend.

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The Bonus Ball was Number 8, the winners were Gemma Allcock in Goldthorpe and L Redfern in St. Helen's.

Changes to Masses

Fr Declan will be away for the next few weeks. Please note there will be no weekday Masses. If you need a priest in a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Damian on 01226 284961 or 07791554214.

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