

Corpus Christi

First Reading Genesis 14:18-20
Melchizedek, as priest of God Most High, brings bread and wine and pronounces God's blessing.

Responsorial Psalm 109:1-4
You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
St Paul tells the Corinthians how Jesus gave his disciples bread and wine as a memorial of himself.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 9:11-17
Jesus blesses and breaks bread, and hands it to his disciples to distribute among the crowds.

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday 19th June 2022

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Weekday Cycle II

"Do this as a memorial of me."

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	18 June	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	19 June	9.00am	David Earley RIP
Sunday (St Helen`s)	19 June	11.00am	Nicholas Ward RIP
Tuesday Live Streamed	21 June	12.00pm	NO MASS
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	22 June	6.00pm	NO MASS
Thursday (St. Helen`s)	23 June	12.00 noon	NO MASS
Friday (St. Helen`s)	24 June	10.00am	NO MASS
Saturday (St Michael`s)	25 June	12.00pm	NO MASS
Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	25 June	5.30pm	Noreen Brown RIP
Pentecost Sunday (Sacred Heart)	26 June	9.00am	People of the Parish
Pentecost Sunday (St Helen`s)	26 June	11.00am	Callaghan Family

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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available upon request.

Meals are important. Perhaps many of us have lost sight of that in today's fast-food society. It seems so time-consuming today for people to sit down to a meal together, with all the distractions of modern living getting in the way. It often seems much easier to put a ready-meal in the microwave, or to order a delivery online, and then to eat it on your lap in front of the TV or the computer screen. But if you can make the time, sitting down at a table to eat with others is a great thing to do. It's a particularly good thing for families to try to do on a regular basis. One of the many problems of the Covid-19 pandemic was that eating in company with others became much more difficult, even impossible at times.

In ancient times, meals were regarded as very important occasions. In Old Testament times, salvation, heaven, was often pictured in terms of a meal, a wonderful banquet with abundant food and drink for everyone. And our first reading today tells us of Melchizedek, a priest and king who brought bread and wine to welcome Abraham and to honour him as one blessed by God.

For Jesus, meals were very significant. There are many occasions in the Gospels where we see Jesus involved in sharing food and drink with his friends or with people in general. And he uses those occasions (right up to and including the Last Supper) for much of his teaching. Today's Gospel recounts an occasion when Jesus fed a huge crowd of over five thousand people with a few loaves and fishes, and all had enough and more to eat; there were no fewer than twelve baskets of leftovers. This incident in Jesus' life was seen as so important that the Gospel writers tell of it no fewer than six times in the four Gospels. It wasn't simply the miracle that filled them with astonishment, but what it pointed to: before the feeding, Jesus had been healing sick people and teaching about the kingdom of God. The healing, teaching and feeding together were an illustration of what the kingdom means, as God meets the needs of the whole person, body and soul.

But even that is not the whole story. In giving their accounts, the Gospel writers seem to have something more in mind. They are focusing too on what happened later in the story, on the night before Jesus died. It was then, as today's second reading reminds us, that Jesus instituted the Eucharist; he gave us the Mass; he

gave us Holy Communion. The central act of Christian worship for all time would be in the form of a sacred meal, a banquet where his followers would be nourished on his own body and blood; and that meal would itself be a foreshadowing of the banquet of heaven. In today's Gospel, Luke seems to go out of his way to show this close connection between the feeding of the crowds and the Eucharist by the way he tells the story: he describes how Jesus took the loaves, blessed them, broke them and gave them. These four actions – taking, blessing, breaking and giving – are precisely the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper, and of course they are the actions that we witness and participate in at every Mass. In fact, you could say that they provide a brief description of the Mass.

So today we are celebrating and sharing in a meal more wonderful even than the one described in today's Gospel. But as we do so, we are also experiencing a challenge. To receive the body that was given for us and the blood that was shed for us is to be called to follow the example of Jesus' total self-giving. To be fed by sacred food is to be strengthened to live holy lives, devoted to God and our brothers and sisters. To be nourished by one who laid down his life for us is to prepare ourselves to make sacrifices. To be invited as a guest to the table of the Eucharist is to be invited to share with others.

And so, as has often been said, the Mass matters. It's at the centre of our Christian life and witness. And it calls us to live lives in tune with the sacred meal that's set before us.

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Bridie Pickering, Bernadette Hout, 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.

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 and for your continued prayers for missionaries around the world.

Marist Pilgrimage to Walsingham Saturday 2nd July

The Coach will leave promptly 7.30am Wombwell, 7.45am Goldthorpe Thank you to all those who have paid fares. For the few of you I haven't managed to catch up with, payment on the day is fine. Please bring your rosaries for prayers on the journey.

Hot/cold food is available at the Shrine tearoom, also large picnic areas available, open air and covered. Those who prefer not to walk the Holy Mile will be able to travel on the coach into the village. Anything further please contact Amanda Campbell (07505 408870) or Patrick Logan (07519 279065).

Rosary at Goldthorpe

The Rosary at Goldthorpe is every **Wednesday** at 1.30pm.

SS Peter and Pauls Day 29th June

Pursuant to Canon Law 1245, Fr. Declan Brett dispenses the obligation to attend Mass on the Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul. You may, if you wish to, go to a neighbouring parish for Mass. Fr Declan will be away for the next couple of weeks. Please note there will be no weekday Masses during this time. If you need a priest in a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Damian on 01226 284961 or 07791554214.

School Governors required

If you are interested in becoming a governor at one of our schools, please see the poster at the back of church, or ring BMBC 01226 772367/772620 or you can email Admin-GovernorsServices@barnsley.gov.uk. There is a poster at the back of church with further details

Diocesan Annual Appeal for LIFE 2nd Collection 18th/19th June

Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent
'Day for Life' is the day in our calendar set aside to celebrate life from conception to natural death. This year the focus is on caring for and valuing the elderly. Funds raised from the second collection this weekend support various Day for Life initiatives, which focus on upholding the dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. Please do support this work in any way you feel able.

For more information and to donate, see here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/df122/>

Peter`s Pence 2nd Collection

Next weekend`s second collection will be for Peter`s Pence, the global collection plate for the Pope`s favourite charities. The purpose of Peter's Pence Collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

WORLD YOUTH DAY, Lisbon, August 2023.

Hallam Diocese is taking 35 young people aged 17 - 30 to WYD next year. This is a great experience of Church where young people from every continent gather to celebrate their Catholic Faith in the presence of the Pope. If you would like to join us or want more information email Sue, our Hallam Youth Ministry Director for an information pack: smcdonald@hallam-diocese.com

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The Bonus Ball was Number 1, the winners were Theresa Swindells in Goldthorpe and M Kilroy 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
0 Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help	Pray for us