

## Pentecost Sunday

### First Reading Acts 2:1-11

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### Responsorial Psalm 103:1,24,29-31,34

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

### Second Reading Romans 8:8-17

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit transforms human beings so that they become spiritual people.

## Gospel Acclamation

### Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

### Alleluia!

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



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Pentecost Sunday

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*"We shall come to him and make our home with him."*

## Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>4 June</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Elizabeth Hancock and Anne Whittingham RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	5 June	<b>9.00am</b>	Mary Gutowski RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen`s)	5 June	<b>11.00am</b>	People of the Parish
Tuesday Live Streamed	7 June	12.00pm	NO MASS
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	8 June	6.00pm	NO MASS
Thursday (St. Helen`s)	9 June	7.00pm	NO MASS
Friday (St. Helen`s)	10 June	10.00am	Funeral of Ralph Blackburn
Saturday (St Michael`s)	11 June	12.00pm	NO MASS
<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>11 June</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Anne Whittingham RIP
<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>12 June</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> (St Helen`s)	<b>12 June</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	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.

Photo-bombing is a recent craze in which a person tries to get into someone else's photograph. It is mostly a bit of harmless fun, and with so many people using mobile phones to take pictures of themselves, photo-bombing is easy enough. It may happen accidentally. At the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland, Queen Elizabeth II was passing behind two hockey players taking a selfie when she inadvertently photo-bombed them. At least, it was *assumed* to be an accident, although the Queen did have rather a mischievous smile on her face.

Although photo-bombing may seem like an entirely modern phenomenon, it does have some roots in history. Long before the days of photography, Renaissance artists liked to include themselves, or their clients, in paintings of religious subjects. Some people disapproved. King Philip II of Spain certainly did. Philip was a great patron of the arts but he had something of a paintings shortage when he came to decorate the vast interiors of his new home, the Escorial, which was a kind of palace-cum-monastery. This was a wonderful opportunity for new artistic talent and an artist known as El Greco managed to secure a valuable commission. The trouble was that the king had very decided tastes, and Philip felt uncomfortable when El Greco depicted members of the king's family, including the king himself, in a painting of saints and angels adoring the Holy Name. He liked his religious paintings "pure". After all, earth was earth, and heaven was heaven.

El Greco did not receive any further royal commissions from King Philip, but it did not stop him. In his enormously tall canvas depicting the day of Pentecost, the artist placed himself in the same room as Our Lady and the apostles. Pentecost is the feast we celebrate today, and El Greco depicts the scene as we heard it described in our first reading, with tongues of fire coming to rest upon the heads of each of the friends and family of Jesus. And there is El Greco, gazing out of the picture quite unapologetically, as if to say, "Here I am, alongside Our Lady and the apostles, celebrating this great birthday of the Church in company with them." He understood that the coming of the Holy Spirit was no private affair. This outpouring of God's love was a torrent and by all accounts it sounded like one. The noise was so loud that a crowd of foreign pilgrims in Jerusalem came rushing to find out what

was going on. The apostles were only too eager to tell them. What an amazing gathering that must have been – yet in all the commotion, no one was left out, nor left feeling unsure of what was happening, for the apostles found themselves able to communicate in the language of each one of those international visitors. Pentecost was a celebration of diversity and inclusivity such as the world had never known.

El Greco was not being sacrilegious when he included himself in the Pentecost scene, even when he painted one of the tongues of fire resting upon his own head. Today's Gospel makes it clear that *anyone* who loves Jesus is beloved of God: God will come to that person and make a home with them. None of us, then, needs think of Pentecost as past history, or as someone else's celebration, one in which we have no right to take part.

El Greco evidently experienced the power of God's love for himself. For one thing, there is no ceiling in his painting. It felt to him, perhaps, as if, with the coming of the Spirit, earth and heaven had somehow blended into one. And he painted the apostles with unnaturally elongated necks as though he, too, sometimes sensed himself being stretched beyond the confines of the earthly dimension in which he lived.

The life of heaven continues to transform ordinary people like us into spiritual beings. St Paul reminds us that we are part of God's family, privileged to address God as our Father. We need no longer be mastered by selfish inclinations because the Spirit moves us in a different direction, stretching us beyond our self-absorption as we allow Jesus to live out his own life within us. We may never hear the sound of rushing wind, nor feel tongues of fire rest upon our heads, but we can be sure that God has made a home with us – a forever home.

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### **Prayers for the Sick**

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Bridie Pickering, Bernadette Houlton, 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 10<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00am in St Helen's. Dominic Kilroy will be brought into St. Helen's church on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 4.00pm and his funeral will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> June, following the Rosary.

### **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, 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Please see poster for further details.

### **Padley Pilgrimage 2022 Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> May**

Thank you for your donations. You have raised £136.93 so far.

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

The Bonus Ball was Number 20, the winners were John Luty in Goldthorpe and A Callaghan 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