

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Deuteronomy 30:10-14
Although God is surrounded by mystery, nevertheless God chooses to be known and the divine is revealed among us.

Responsorial Psalm 68:14,17,30-31, 33-34,36-37
Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

Second Reading Colossians 1:15-20
All things were created through Christ and for him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 10:25-37
Jesus recounts the parable of the good Samaritan in answer to a question about who we should see as our neighbour.

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



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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

"And who is my neighbour?"

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	9 July	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	10 July	9.00am	Jessie Turner RIP
Sunday (St Helen's)	10 July	11.00am	Chris McNamara RIP
Tuesday (St Helen's)	12 July	12.00pm	Funeral of Madeleine Sydric
Wednesday (St Michael's)	13 July	12.00pm	NO MASS
Thursday (St. Helen's)	14 July	12.00pm	NO MASS
Friday (Sacred Heart Goldthorpe)	15 July	12.00pm	NO MASS
Saturday (St Michael's)	16 July	12.00pm	NO MASS
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	16 July	5.30pm	Jack and Vera O'Connell RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	17 July	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen's)	17 July	11.00am	Ralph Blackburn RIP

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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available upon request.

Apeirogon is the title of a novel published in 2020 by the Irish writer Colum McCann. It's inspired by the real-life friendship between two fathers from peoples historically bitterly divided: Rami Elhanan, an Israeli, and Bassam Aramin, a Palestinian. They are united in grief by the loss of their young daughters: thirteen-year-old Smadar, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber; and ten-year-old Abir, shot by a member of the Israeli army. Both bereaved fathers become members of the Parents Circle, a joint Israeli-Palestinian group of families who have lost children or close family members during the ongoing conflict. Rami and Bassam commit to spending their lives sharing their stories and working for reconciliation and a just and peaceful resolution to the conflict. "This became their jobs: to tell the story of what had happened to their girls."

When Jesus tells a lawyer that to inherit eternal life he must love God and love his neighbour as much as he loves himself, the question immediately follows, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus does not define who the lawyer's neighbour might be, but tells him a story instead – the famous parable of the good Samaritan. The priest and the Levite in the story ignore the beaten stranger by the roadside, even though he is a fellow Jew; in contrast, the Samaritan, who is from a different and despised people, shows the injured man love and care. The listeners would have been shocked to hear Jesus say that a Samaritan stopped to aid the victim. Jews regarded Samaritans as enemies and yet here a Samaritan is the good guy. If Jesus had merely wanted to teach about neighbourly love, the third passer-by could have been another Jew, or the victim might have been a Samaritan assisted by a Jew. In selecting a Samaritan as the hero, Jesus is turning the social world upside down and challenging deep-seated suppositions. It is the Samaritan who behaves like a loving neighbour even though he is under no obligation to do so. The priest and the Levite, who are supposed to be examples of virtuousness, reject the opportunity to show love and to be good neighbours.

Jesus intended the story to demonstrate the nature of love in God's kingdom. The response to "Who is my neighbour?" is that everyone, including my enemy, is my neighbour. The Samaritan's compassion was costly. It involved making himself

vulnerable to attack by robbers because he was walking instead of riding after giving the beaten man his mount. He also made a financial payment to an innkeeper to look after the victim without any expectation of being repaid. He might even have been ostracised by his own people for assisting a Jew. Jesus directly asks the lawyer which of the three travellers was a neighbour to the injured man. "The one who took pity on him," he replies. To underline the message still further, Jesus instructs the lawyer to "Go, and do the same yourself."

Jesus asks that we care about our neighbours with the same intensity that we care about ourselves. We are to love as he loved us, and even an enemy is redefined as a neighbour. This love is more than simply smiling at strangers and trying to develop positive attitudes towards people we don't particularly like. The command to love our neighbour is placed immediately after the command to love God, and it demands a serious effort to elevate the neighbour's need to the same level as our own. Moreover, we are called not just to serve those who serve us, or return favours because we have received them; we are called to love beyond the usual expectations of making special efforts only for family and friends.

Active involvement with people who are downtrodden and oppressed is a key feature of loving outreach in God's kingdom. It might mean taking initiatives to reach out to vulnerable and destitute people in our community who can never repay our favours. It might mean taking up campaigns for justice and peace that try to tackle the causes of suffering at home and overseas. Working to highlight root causes of violence and war where whole groups of people are demonised as "enemies" will almost certainly draw criticism, since this goes against the prevailing culture, but it is what God expects of us. Today Jesus is teaching us that it is possible to go beyond the boundaries human society has constructed and to do things in a different and revolutionary way.

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Carole Dyson, 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, 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 soul of Madeleine Sydric who died recently. The funeral service will be on Tuesday 12 July at 12 noon in St Helen's, followed by burial at Holy Trinity, Wentworth.

The funeral of Minnie Helen Pozorski will take place on Wednesday 20th July at 10.30am in St. Helens, followed by burial in Hoyland Cemetery

Please keep their families and friends in your prayers.

Changes to Masses

Fr Declan will be away for the next week. 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.

Marist Way and Rosary at Goldthorpe

The next Marist Meeting will be at 2.00pm on Wednesday 13th July, following the Rosary which is at 1.30pm

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.

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

Peter's Pence

The Parish raised £116.78 from the recent second collection. Thank you.

Sea Sunday

This weekend is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. For more information about its work, visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

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The Diocese is now on Twitter! You will find the official account under the handle @HallamDioceseRC. Please follow!

We hope that by following, it will connect you more into our local community, as you will find news, events, resources, prayers and inspiration to help you in your everyday life. Feel free to join in our conversation, share your views with us and help foster an even stronger sense of family within the Church.

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