

## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** Genesis 18:1-10  
Abraham and Sarah unwittingly offer hospitality to God and receive God's blessing.

**Responsorial Psalm** 14:2-5  
The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

**Second Reading** Colossians 1:24-28  
Paul unites his own sufferings with those of Christ for the Church.

## Gospel Acclamation

### Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son

### Alleluia!

**Gospel** Luke 10:38-42  
On being welcomed into their home, Jesus teaches Martha and Mary the meaning of true hospitality.

## Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

*"Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house."*

## Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael's)	<b>16 July</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Jack and Vera O'Connell RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	17 July	<b>9.00am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen's)	17 July	<b>11.00am</b>	Ralph Blackburn RIP
Tuesday (live streamed)	19 July	12.00pm	Anne Whittingham RIP
Wednesday (St Helen's)	20 July	10.30am	Funeral Mass for Minnie Helen Pozorski
Thursday (St. Helen's)	21 July	12.00pm	Josefa Hernandez Luna RIP
Friday (Sacred Heart Goldthorpe)	22 July	12.00pm	Jessie Turner RIP
Saturday (St Michael's)	23 July	12.00pm	World Peace
<b>Saturday Vigil</b> <b>(St Michael's)</b>	<b>23 July</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Mary and Jim Fleming RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>24 July</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen's)	<b>24 July</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	A Sick Person

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** is at 3.00pm on Fridays at St. Michael's Church  
**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** is always available upon request.

Andrei Rublev was perhaps the greatest and most well-known icon painter of all time. He probably lived near Moscow and died around the year 1430. In 1988 the Russian Orthodox Church canonised him as a saint. But little is known about his life for certain, although in 1966 an epic film drama based on him was made by the Russian director Andrei Tarkovsky; it has been rated by critics as one of the greatest films ever released.

There's a very famous icon by Rublev based on the story in our Old Testament reading today. It depicts the three angelic visitors received by Abraham and Sarah at the Oak of Mamre. They are sitting around three sides of a rectangular table, with a cup on the table between them. The space on the fourth side of the table, at the front of the icon, is vacant. Like all icons, it's full of symbolism. It's known as the icon of the Trinity – the three visitors seated around the table being interpreted as symbolising the three persons of the Holy Trinity, and the space at the front as being left free for the viewer. It shows how we are all invited to share the hospitality of communion with God the Holy Trinity.

Since ancient times, as the Old Testament story demonstrates, hospitality – being willing to open homes and share food with visitors of all kinds, friends and strangers, especially those in need – has been an important part of Middle Eastern culture. It is also a basic, practical doing of love. It is this deeply human way of friendship that is at the heart of the ways in which God comes to people in today's readings. For Abraham and Sarah, their hospitality to the mysterious visitors marks a turning point in their lives, as the gift of the child the couple thought they could never have is promised. A whole people is born from this simple act of welcoming the strangers and tending to their needs.

For Martha in today's Gospel, the great gift of receiving Jesus into her home is a blessing – but also a challenge. Perhaps Martha's difficulty, as far as Jesus is concerned, is that she is forgetting something that lies at the heart of all our practical care. When we cook for guests, when we welcome people into our homes and share a bit of our lives with them, the danger is that it is the "stuff" of our caring that becomes

the focus, rather than the person we are welcoming. Sometimes it may be food and drink and practical actions of caring that are precisely what is needed. But very often what is just as important, if not more so, is a friendly and personal welcome and an ear to listen – and it's easy for this to get neglected among all the practicalities.

Our world today is one in which hospitality is much needed. If we look at our own cities and towns, we can see the loneliness that is so often to be found there: for example, in the elderly, housebound or disabled people who may see hardly another person from day to day, week to week; or in the homeless people whom we simply pass by on the street. For many people, such feelings of loneliness were experienced or exacerbated by times of enforced isolation during the Covid-19 pandemic. If we look further afield, we can see the refugees leaving everything behind and fleeing war, oppression and suffering, the many thousands of displaced people of our time, desperate to find a place of welcome and safety. Wherever we look, there is a call to share and befriend. And what is often needed above all is a listening ear, to hear their stories.

This call is also a challenge, as it was for Martha. True hospitality lies in meeting the person whom we welcome. We need to learn to sit still with those we are called to care for, to listen to them and to let them know they are heard. Too often our fretting over “so many things”, as Jesus says, may get in the way of truly caring. But if we can keep love of and care for the person central, our moments of generosity and hospitality will also be moments of meeting God, and then we will take our place at table in communion with the divine Trinity.

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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 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, Terry Mullins, Matthew Deakin, Margaret Booker, Kath Cragg, Michael Foy, Shirley Broadhead, Norah Preuss, Mavis Guilcher, Andrew Chandler.

### **Requiescant in Pace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Denis Norman, a retired priest of the Diocese, who died peacefully on 7<sup>th</sup> July. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

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

### **Rosary at Goldthorpe**

The Rosary is at 1.30pm each Wednesday at Goldthorpe. Please note there will be no Rosary on 27<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Sea Sunday**

Thank you for your generous donations last weekend, which raised £235.45p

### **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 45, the winners were S Smith in Goldthorpe and M McAllister in St. Helen's.

### **Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

The Parish is organising the Pilgrimage at a cost of only £20 per person. There are 51 seats available on the coach so if you wish to participate please add your name to the list at the back of church or let Fr Declan know.

### **OFFICIAL TWITTER ACCOUNT FOR THE DIOCESE @HallamDioceseRC**

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
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