

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Wisdom 18:6-9

The dark night of the Passover became light for God's children through faith and hope. They had to rely on faith, but it was that faith that marked them as God's chosen people. A people threatened and vulnerable became strong in hope through their trust in God.

Responsorial Psalm 32:1,12,18-20,22

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Second Reading Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-19

Faith is the foundation of a life lived in hope, even for people who never live to see their ultimate hopes fulfilled. The scriptures give us many examples of hope-filled lives that built a future for God's people. Our security lies in our faith and hope in God's unshakeable love.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 12:32-48

Jesus teaches us that what we cherish most is the sign of where our heart lies. God's heart is set on us, for we are God's priceless treasure. Setting our hearts on God's kingdom and its justice will lead us to the deepest union with Jesus and to building a world after his own heart.

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



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Sunday 7th August 2022

Sunday Year C

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Antiques Roadshow is a popular UK television series where people bring family treasures to be valued by experts in antiques. The expert encourages them to tell the story behind the object. What people are bringing is often not just an artistic treasure but the story of their family relationships, history and identity in a war souvenir, an engagement ring or a pile of love letters. Or it may be an ornament picked up in a market or auction as a bargain, sold by its previous owner for next to nothing. One person's junk is another person's treasure.

At the end of the interview, the expert comments on the object in terms of its antique or artistic value and then reveals its monetary value. Sometimes there is shock and amazement that an ugly old object that has gathered dust for years is worth huge sums of money. Sometimes there is disappointment that what was thought to be worth a fortune is, in fact, virtually worthless. But often the owner says that whatever the object's worth, they would not sell it because its value is beyond price. It holds precious memories of childhood, or of a beloved relative now long gone. Few people are prepared to sell what is precious to them in such terms. We cannot think of cherished memories of loving relationships or of our family sense of identity in terms of money, and this tells us something important about who we are made to be as human beings.

Most of Jesus' followers were poor people who struggled daily to make a living. His teaching on selling their possessions and giving money to those who were poor must have amazed them. They *were* poor, weren't they? have little space for developing a mind and heart in tune with God's vision for the world. Being a "cheerful giver" is evidence not only of generosity but of courage. It is evidence that our deepest hope lies in God and not in money, power or any other means of dominating our surrounding world. Pope Benedict XVI, in his encyclical on hope, *Spe salvi*, said that "the one who has hope lives differently". This Gospel is Jesus' invitation to us to live differently, with a different set of values that puts love of God and of others, and transformative action in the world, before the baubles of fame, power and fortune. We can live confidently and without fear when we have become free from all forms of internalised idolatry. An old song speaks of freedom being

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	6 Aug	5.30pm	Deceased Members of Barber and Biggin Families
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	7 Aug	9.00am	Soul of Margaret Mason RIP
Sunday (St Helen's)	7 Aug	11.00am	People of the Parish
Tuesday (St Helen's)	9 Aug	10.00am	Minnie Helen Pozorski RIP
Wednesday	10 Aug	10.00am	
Thursday (St Peter in Chains, Doncaster)	11 Aug	11.00am	Requiem Mass for Fr Denis Norman
Friday (Sacred Heart)	12 Aug	10.00am	Holy Souls
Saturday (St Michael's)	13 Aug	10.00am	
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	13 Aug	5.30pm	Anne Whittingham RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	14 Aug	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen's)	14 Aug	11.00am	Rev. Denis Norman RIP

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

about having nothing left to lose. For Jesus, freedom comes from knowing what to set our heart on in order to live fully. Praying what St Ignatius of Loyola called the Examen, or Examination of Conscience, daily is a helpful way of recognising what is pulling us towards God or turning us away. It's about knowing where our treasure truly lies and building up our relationship with Jesus so that it is stronger than our fears.

When Jesus challenges us to give in a way that supports and transforms the life of others, he is talking of what it truly means to believe that we are one body with him. For what we do to the least of his brothers and sisters, we do to him. This is the building up of the kingdom, to which all are invited as transformers of the world and "revolutionaries of tenderness". This kind of generosity is not just going through the motions but giving away part of ourselves. By doing so we receive ourselves back from the hands of "the least", who are the mirror of Christ – whatever we do for them, we do for him and vice versa. Our anxieties and fears are transformed into hope when we let go of needing to control everything. To live this transformative faith, hope and love we need to become alert and sensitive to the signs of Christ's presence on earth. The more we become aware of him in all areas of our life, the more he shows us what it is to be fully and truly human.

So why not keep the money to support themselves?

The answer lies in what Jesus says about remaining alert and prepared for the coming of salvation. He is talking of where our heart truly is and therefore of where our deepest consciousness is. If our minds are entirely occupied with the attachment to things or people, that can betray a deep lack of trust, and we will

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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 Houlst, 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.

Fr Denis Norman

The body of Fr Denis will be brought to the parish of St Joseph and St Teresa at Woodlands on Wednesday evening, 10 August, where a Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 6pm.

On Thursday morning 11 August, his body will be transferred to the parish of St Peter in Chains, Doncaster. The Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11am. After mass there will be a reception in the parish hall. Fr Denis will be buried at Wombwell Cemetery at 2-30pm.

Changes to Mass Times

Please note that the weekday masses in our three churches will be at **10.00am** from now onwards, and the Tuesday mass will revert back to St Helen's.

Rosary at Goldthorpe

The Rosary is at 1.30pm each Wednesday at Goldthorpe.

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The Bonus Ball was Number 12, the winners were G Burnitt in Goldthorpe and M McHugh in St. Helen's.

Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Friday 16th 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.

Repair and Maintenance Collection

After a two year absence, there will be a basket towards the Repair and Maintenance of our churches at the weekend masses, unless there is a specific second collection for another cause. Thank you.

St Vincent de Paul Society Urgent Appeal

The SVP is launching an urgent appeal to help refugees and asylum seekers in crisis. Please see the insert in the newsletter for further details and how you can help.

Fr Declan's Birthday Bash & Harvest Supper, Sat 10th September

You are invited to a fun night for all the family on Saturday 10th September after the 5.30pm Mass until 9.30pm in St Michael's Parish Hall. Delicious refreshments, Tea or coffee will be available (bring your own drinks) There will be a family quiz, bingo, children's activities. To book, see signup sheets at each of our 3 churches. Volunteers are needed to help on the night or perhaps can you provide any of the following; home grown vegetables or home made bread or cooking apples? There's no charge for the supper but there will be a collection on the night if you wish to make a donation. If you can help in any way please see Liz Salmon or Andrew Goddard. Or text 07877030827 and someone will call you back.

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