

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Isaiah 66:18-21
The Church must be the Church of all the world, or it is not the Church of God.

Responsorial Psalm

Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

Second Reading Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
There is no healing without change. The Father is healing us by changing us

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 13:22-30
The narrow door makes us concentrate on the entry, not the door itself.

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday 21st August 2022

Sunday Year C

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

"Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching."

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	20 Aug	5.30pm	Ralph Blackburn RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	21 Aug	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen`s)	21 Aug	11.00am	Minnie Helen Pozorski RIP
Tuesday (St Helen`s)	23 Aug	10.00am	Anne Whittingham RIP
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	24 Aug	10.00am	Fr Brian Davies RIP
Thursday (St Helen`s)	25 Aug	10.00am	Audrey O`Neill RIP
Friday (Sacred Heart)	26 Aug	10.00am	
Saturday (St Michael`s)	27 Aug	10.00am	
Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	27 Aug	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	28 Aug	9.00am	Kitty Bainbridge RIP
Sunday (St Helen`s)	28 Aug	11.00am	Colin Barker RIP

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

There is a place in Lourdes, called Cité Saint-Pierre, sometimes wrongly called the City of the Poor, which provides free or cheap accommodation for those who cannot stay in the expensive hotels. It fundraises by giving tours of the place, usually conducted by seminarians. When visitors arrive, the bus stops beside two rocks and the visitors are asked to go between the two rocks, to be greeted by a statue of Our Lady with arms open wide. The symbolic meaning is that each visitor is greeted by Our Lady as an individual. It's a nice idea, though on one occasion a tour guide witnessed visitors rushing towards the rocks and some people getting jammed between the two rocks. So much for the theory. Still, it makes a valid point. We come to salvation as individuals, and each of us enters into the kingdom as an individual.

When we come to some magnificent building, with a wide, impressive doorway, entry into that building seems easy. Yet we would probably only be visiting that place for a short time. To really enter a building, that is to really belong to that place, needs more than a grand entrance. We need to find some indication that this is a place we belong to, a place that has been prepared for us. Perhaps this is behind the idea of the narrow door that Jesus asks us to try to enter through. How narrow is it? Just as narrow as we are, because it fits us and no one else.

What exactly that doorway means in our own lives is something we have to discover for ourselves. It probably means accepting some sort of sacrifice in our lives. Our lives are limited, and that is as it should be. We waste a lot of time and energy thinking of the things we do not have and haven't done, and miss what is laid out before us. This is the way we are to go. The great doorway, the magnificent arch we might want to walk through, can give us the delusion that we are great, as the doorway is great. The small way teaches us humility, but it also shows us that we enter the kingdom through a doorway shaped by God just for us.

The easiest way to get lost is to join a great crowd of people who seem to know where they are going. The crowd can make us feel safe, but crowds can get lost. More worryingly, they might be going to the wrong place for us. Yet we won't feel lost, because we are surrounded by so many people, and we don't have to make

any decisions for ourselves. Jesus speaks to the crowds in the Gospels, but they don't listen. It is the few individuals whom he encounters who seem to change their lives.

This is why we have to have personal prayer in our lives. We are called to take personal responsibility. We need to be one of the people who stand before Christ and look for our salvation from him. After that we may have companions on the way. They can be challenging too. But our companionship with them can also be an important part of our journey of discipleship.

Isaiah is trying to teach this message by listing the various means of transport that those who will come to Jerusalem will use. The Jerusalem that Christians believe in, as the place where the world will be gathered, is not the physical city of Jerusalem, but it is real enough. To this city, many will come from throughout the world and throughout the ages of the world. They are drawn towards the place of life. The journey will be completed by those who do not look too far ahead. They will not ask themselves about how many are to be saved, but only ask themselves the simpler questions: "What must I do now?" "What choices must I make now?" "What is my next step?" Even those questions may not always have an answer. In that case, we simply need to wait in prayer. It will soon become clear enough for us to be able to take another step forwards.

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Kath Hardy, Carole Dyson, Bridie Pickering, Bernadette Hoults, Janet O'Brien, 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.

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.

Wombwell Community Lunch Club.

The Lunch Club meets each Thursday at 12noon in St. Michael's Church Hall and is an opportunity for people of different ages and backgrounds to come together for a meal. Lunch is only £5 and consists of a hot meal and a pudding. The meal is followed by a raffle and bingo.

For more information and bookings, please contact Barbara on 07742 548985

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The Bonus Ball for 6th August was Number 20, the winners were John Luty in Goldthorpe and A Callaghan in St. Helen's. The Bonus Ball for last week was 59, there was no winner in Goldthorpe and the winner in Hoyland was M Harrison.

Rosary at Goldthorpe

The Rosary is at 1.30pm each Wednesday at Goldthorpe.

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

There was a fantastic response to the urgent appeal to assist with the refugee crisis. So far you have raised £359.34 in cash as well as much need items of clothing and other essentials. Thank you

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.

Newsletters

Apologies for the absence of newsletters for last week. The printer problem has now been rectified and normal service is now resumed!

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
O Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help	Pray for us