

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Eccles 3:17-20. 28-29
Greatness and humility should walk together.

Responsorial Psalm 67:4-7,10-11
In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

Second Reading Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24
We are called to a heavenly kingdom, not an earthly one.

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 14:1. 7-14
We are blessed if we are prepared to look after the needs of those who are unable to repay us.

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

"Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted."

Service Times & Intentions

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
Tuesday (St Helen`s)	30 Aug	10.00am	Dominic, Winnie and Julia Kilroy RIP
Wednesday	31 Aug	10.00am	Dorothy Higgingbottom RIP
Thursday (St Helen`s)	1 Sep	10.00am	Biju Sebastian RIP
Friday (Sacred Heart)	2 Sep	10.00am	
Saturday (St Michael`s)	3 Sep	10.00am	McDonough Family
Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	3 Sep	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	4 Sep	9.00am	Barbara Campbell RIP
Sunday (St Helen`s)	4 Sep	11.00am	Andy Andrews RIP

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

Tony carried the weight of the world on his shoulders and in his heavily laden briefcase as he strode towards work. In fact, he was five years old, travelling alongside his older brother while his mother pushed the baby in the pram. The bright red polyester briefcase – which Tony carried with such determination – held a pencil, a toy car and a clean handkerchief. His mother, Trish, baby sister, Bethany (four months), and elder brother, Paul (aged seven), ignored Tony's latest attempt to appear "important" and, instead, saw a little boy playing a game on his way to school. Trish was a Very Important Person. As she watched Tony and Paul join their friends, Trish didn't see herself as extraordinary. Yet all day and every day, she was wife, mother, nurse, teacher, chef, artist, manager, counsellor, financier, planner and a million other things besides. The parents at the school gate didn't boast of their celebrity status and yet, to their children, they were amazing. There's a big difference between people who *think* they are important and those who really *are* important. Real heroes and heroines don't boast, and when asked to speak about their remarkable achievements are surprised and say something like, "I was only doing my job. Anybody else would have done the same." During the pandemic lockdown, people shopped for neighbours, offered friendship to those who were lonely and helped people whom Covid forced into self-isolation. Staff isolated themselves with the vulnerable residents of the care homes where they worked. Volunteers supplied food for busy hospital staff who couldn't relax in hospital canteens. We can all think of fantastic examples of amazing people. In today's Gospel, Jesus saw people who pushed themselves to the top of the social ladder because of a full wallet, a big house or a job that put them above others in their workplace. Self-proclaimed celebrities invited Jesus for a meal because his presence could boost their public image. They liked to hear him speak, but they also watched his every mouthful of food and drink, commenting on it afterwards. Jesus was aware of the shallow pretence of people whose real interest was in self-promotion and their bank balance. He came as a doctor for those who were sick

and so he accepted the invitations and polite conversation of social climbers, hoping that his presence might make a difference.

Yet Jesus also watched some guests at the banquets to which he was invited climb the social ladder by clambering over others whom they considered less important, less worthy of attention. Did they argue with those whom they downgraded or were the latter too embarrassed to make a fuss? Did the self-seekers want to boost their own importance by sitting as close as possible to their host? How did the host react to seeing his guests fighting for the best places – which were, of course, next to him? How often did the householder welcome Jesus into his home and take the lowest place, putting Jesus at the head of the table? Was Jesus sometimes an afterthought, left to fend for himself, perhaps personally experiencing the humiliation of being forced to sit in the lowest place, receiving the scraps and leftovers?

Reaching the school gates transformed Tony from a big and important businessman into a little boy. He didn't mind because he'd enjoyed his game of "make believe". Trish was also happy because, although not a global celebrity, she loved her children and wouldn't have changed her position for the world. What matters in life are the heart treasures, independent of fame, wealth and fortune, which might be hidden from the world at large and seen only through the eyes of love. The poet Shelley wrote of the shattered colossal statue of Ozymandias, "King of Kings", who had thought himself great but, eventually, was nothing more than rubble in a windswept desert. The world had forgotten the great works and actions of Ozymandias and saw only "the decay of that colossal Wreck, boundless and bare". As the saying goes, "Self-praise needs no recommendation." The great king fell from the pedestal on which he had placed himself.

We are surrounded by VIPs who are unlikely to hit the headlines – but would you prefer to be Trish or Ozymandias? Who is the most amazing person in your life? Why is that person so special? Why has that person made such a difference to your life and helped to give it meaning?

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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 Hault, 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.

Requiescat in Pace

We pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Harrigan, mother of Fr Patrick Harrigan, who died recently. Please keep Fr. Patrick in your prayers.

Rosary at Goldthorpe

The Rosary is at 1.30pm each Wednesday at Goldthorpe.

St Vincent de Paul Society Urgent Appeal

There was a fantastic response to the urgent appeal to assist with the refugee crisis. Along with piles of bags of essentials the sum of £360 was also raised.

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The Bonus Ball for 20th August was number 38. The winners were C Mays in Goldthorpe and K O'Neill in Hoyland.

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.

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.

Gift Aid

If you are a UK Tax Payer please consider Gift Aiding your offerings to Corpus Christi Parish. For the previous Tax Year 2021-22, the Parish received £8400 from the Government as part of the Gift Aid scheme, which is a tremendous boost to Parish finances. We are also allowed to include any loose offerings in the Gift Aid scheme so even the smallest offering can add up over the year. A big thank to to all who contribute in whatever way they can.

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