

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
The prophet is overwhelmed by all the violence he sees and asks why God tolerates evil deeds.

Responsorial Psalm 94:1-2,6-9
O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14
Paul teaches that “the spirit of timidity” does not come from God and that we should not be ashamed of our testimony to Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 17:5-10
Proximity to Jesus does not guarantee unwavering faith. According to Luke, the ones closest to Jesus believe they need more faith. “Increase our faith,” they plead.

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



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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

“Fan into a flame the gift that God gave you.”

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	1 Oct	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	2 Oct	9.00am	Gordon English RIP
Sunday (St Helen`s)	2 Oct	11.00am	Dominic, Winnie and Julia Kilroy RIP
Tuesday (St Helen`s)	4 Oct	10.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	5 Oct	10.00am	Yorkshire Brethren
Wednesday	5 Oct	1.00pm	Requiem for Bridie Pickering
Thursday (St Helen`s)	6 Oct	10.00am	Minnie Helen Pozorski RIP
Friday (Sacred Heart)	7 Oct	10.00am	John Nally RIP
Saturday (St Michael`s)	8 Oct	10.00am	NO MASS
Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	8 Oct	5.30pm	Parkin and Whitney Family Birthday Intentions
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	9 Oct	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen`s)	9 Oct	11.00am	Rosemary Guerrant RIP

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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available upon request.

Rosary each Wednesday in Goldthorpe at 1.30pm.

Marist Meeting 12th October at 2.00pm, following The Rosary

A priest answered a late-night call to administer the “last rites” or sacrament of the sick. He was tired after being at the hospital for much of the day and had just fallen asleep when his pager had gone off. He struggled out of bed and up to the hospital, feeling as though he was on autopilot. He was called to the special care baby unit. But when he arrived, he did not find the family or even a patient.

The ward was all in darkness. A senior ward sister materialised in the gloom: “The baby died,” she said, rather gruffly. The family? Not coming in until the morning. “Goodness, why call me out?” the priest thought. “I’ll say a prayer,” he said. So the nurse led him to the corner where the little bundle lay and he began to pray. Suddenly he became aware that the woman at his side was heaving. He stopped and put his arms round her while she sobbed. “So, this was the person I had come for,” he thought, “this nurse who had lost a patient and still had tears to shed, bless her.” She couldn’t break down in front of a junior but she was broken-hearted at the unexpected death of the baby. It had got to her and she needed someone there. “So that’s what it was all about,” thought the priest, “this is why I am here.”

Today’s readings are all about faith, particularly the importance of being bold and never being ashamed of “witnessing to the Lord”. Faith is persistence in reaching out to Jesus and trusting in God’s power and authority. Faith is responding with love to forgiveness received, not letting fear get the upper hand, and being willing to take risks. Faith is giving praise to God, having confidence in God’s desire for justice and being willing to ask Jesus for what we need.

Throughout Luke’s Gospel, the closest followers of Jesus reveal their own mixed level of faith. They have left homes and jobs and families in order to follow Jesus. It has not been easy, as they have encountered hostility from many who oppose him. Still, they have stuck around, even for the final journey towards Jerusalem, even when they have received a warning of what is to come. In our own world’s days of turmoil and fear, we can empathise with the disciples when faith wavers. It is easy to lose sight of God’s Spirit at work in the world. Yet when we nurture faith we become aware of being part of something vast and intelligent and well intentioned that gives purpose to life, that leads us to seek beyond the horizons of

our smallness to the hope that tomorrow, struggling and damaged as we may be today, we can all be better. Faith in God is the only ground we have for faith in ourselves, in humanity, in life. Then we may care enough about others, about the purpose of God for all human life.

Just as the priest chaplain visiting a hospital ministers to people in need – the patients, families and staff – so all are called upon to witness to Christ and to use our God-given gifts to serve others and bring healing. We are called to bear witness to Jesus right where we live – in our families, at work, everywhere – even just by giving kindness and the light of a smile. This light reflects the light of Jesus. Faith inspires some to reach out to refugees in our communities, to campaign for the protection of the local environment and to build peace. It inspires people of faith to build the kingdom of God and spread the Good News to humanity and all creation. We can demonstrate the beauty of the Gospel by the way we live. We can weave dialogue where society is experiencing tension and hostility. We can bring hospitality and solidarity where personal and collective selfishness too often prevails.

When religious faith becomes the bridge that leads to God, it stretches us to live to the limits of human possibility. It requires us to be everything God has created us to be: kind, generous, honest, loving, compassionate, just. It defines the standards of the human condition. It provides the basis for the ethics that guide our human relationships. It enables us to be fully human.

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Ellen Cooper, Percy Winterton, Kath Hardy, Carole Dyson, Bernadette Hoult, Janet O'Brien, Michael Bennett, 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.

Requiescant in Pace

We pray for the repose of the souls of Bridie Pickering and Christine Haigh who both died recently.

The Requiem for Bridie will take place on Wednesday 5th October at 1.00pm in Sacred Heart, Goldthorpe, followed by Committal at Barnsley Crematorium.

The Requiem for Christine will take place on Tuesday 11th October at 10.am in St Michael's, followed by Committal at Barnsley Crematorium. Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

Readers at Goldthorpe

It will soon be time to draw up the Readers rota for Goldthorpe for the next few months. As ever, a big thank you to all those who undertake this important ministry. If you would like to become a Reader please just let Amanda Campbell know - we currently have a team of 5 readers, so you would only be called upon every 6 weeks.

CAFOD Family Fast Day 7th October– World Food Crisis Appeal

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD, use the envelope for our parish collection or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday. If using an envelope, please consider using the Gift Aid slip if you are a UK Taxpayer, thus enabling CAFOD to benefit further from your generous donations.

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The Bonus Ball for 24th September was number 51. The winner in Hoyland was M McAllister. There was no winner in Goldthorpe.

Annual Mass Count

This weekend is the third of four, when the number of mass attendees is recorded.

Synod Conversations and the Gospel of Mark

The Diocese is hosting a new event, I am Mark in Hallam Diocese. Join in at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield, on Saturday October 8th at 7:00pm, and listen to nearly the whole Gospel in one evening. For further information and to book your ticket go to <https://hallam-diocese.com/i-am-mark-in-hallam-diocese/>. Register soon because space is limited.

St Bernadette Relic Tour - 4th/5th October 2022.

Lourdes is coming to our diocese. You can attend any of the liturgies at St Marie's Cathedral or St-Peter-in-Chains, Doncaster. All are very welcome. For more information visit www.hallam-lourdes.com <<http://www.hallam-lourdes.com>> and www.stbernadette.org.uk. A short video trailer gives more information on <https://www.youtube.com/w>

Schools Update

The three primary schools of Sacred Heart, Goldthorpe, St. Michael and All Angels, Wombwell and St Helen's, Hoyland, each have their own facebook page, which you are very welcome to visit, 'like' and follow to see what is happening in our schools. St Helen's is holding an open day on Thursday 29th September from 1.00pm onwards, if parents would like to bring their children for a look around and then visit the petting zoo. There are spaces in most of the year groups so it is a welcome opportunity for anyone who may be considering the school for the future or are new to the area. For more information and to access the facebook pages, visit www.federationcc.org.uk

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