

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading 2 Kings 5:14-17
Cured of leprosy in the River Jordan, Naaman takes some soil of Israel home with him so that he can worship in his own land the God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm 97:1-4
The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-13
Paul may be in chains but that will never be the fate of the word of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 17:11-19
Of ten lepers cured by Jesus, only one returns to give thanks: Jesus praises his faith.

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



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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Weekday Cycle II

"Your faith has saved you."

Service Times & Intentions

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	John Griffiths RIP
Tuesday (St Michael`s)	11 Oct	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Christine Haigh
Wednesday	12 Oct	10.00am	NO MASS
Thursday (St Helen`s)	13 Oct	10.00am	NO MASS
Friday (Sacred Heart)	14 Oct	10.00am	NO MASS
Saturday (St Michael`s)	15 Oct	10.00am	NO MASS
Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	15 Oct	5.30pm	Salmon and Dempsey Families
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	16 Oct	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen`s)	16 Oct	11.00am	John and Mary Coefield 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

Towards the end of World War II, a Polish-American Jesuit, Father Walter Ciszek, was accused by the Russians of being a Vatican spy. He was imprisoned for eighteen years, the first five in Moscow's infamous Lubyanka prison and then in the notorious slave labour camps of Siberia. For some years no one, except his captors, knew whether he was alive or dead. When finally he was released, everyone was eager to know how he had managed to survive such ordeals. They asked him for his secret. What had kept him going? What had saved him from being driven mad by so much suffering, so much loneliness?

His answer was always the same: it was faith that had enabled him to survive. He admitted that this answer didn't satisfy everybody. To those who thought it too facile, too simplistic, he responded that he could do nothing other than repeat clearly and honestly what he had slowly learned after a great deal of anguish and a lot of prayerful reflection. The simple truths of the faith had sustained him through years of doubt and darkness and suffering. But then he would add that so often the astonishing thing about divine truth is its simplicity – the Ten Commandments, for example, or the Beatitudes or the first answer many people learned in the Catechism: that we are made to know and love God in this world, and be happy with God for ever in the next.

Of course, faith is something much more than simply subscribing to a list of truths that we have to believe. It is at its best a relationship, a relationship of love and trust that can transform life, a relationship that inevitably gives rise to other virtues. It gives rise to praise. Take Naaman the army commander, who appeared in today's first reading. He was amazed at his miraculous cleansing from leprosy. Following the prophet Elisha's advice, he had plunged into the River Jordan and on emerging found that he was cured. Now, standing in front of the prophet, he makes his act of faith: "there is no God in all the earth", he says, "except in Israel". And he adds a strange request – that he may take home from Israel "as much earth as two mules may carry". The lovely idea behind that request is that he wants enough soil from the land of his cure to be able to create his own little Israel, so to

say, in his native land; and there he will always praise the Lord of Israel, the God who had healed him.

If faith leads to praise, we need go no further than today's Gospel to learn that faith also leads to gratitude. As he travels towards Jerusalem, Jesus is suddenly confronted by ten lepers – in his day, lepers were outcasts and so would often gather in small groups for mutual support. Keeping their distance, they cry out: "Jesus! Master! Take pity on us." He tells them to report to the priests and on the way they suddenly realise that their leprosy has gone. Nine of them are so delighted that they continue on their way rejoicing – perhaps to celebrate at the nearest hostelry. Only one, and he is a Samaritan, a foreigner in the eyes of law-abiding Jews – only he returns to give personal thanks to Jesus. And he leaves his benefactor with these words echoing in his heart: "Go on your way. Your faith has saved you."

In one of his letters, St Paul declares, "what matters is faith that makes its power felt through love". As we have seen, faith expresses itself in many ways – not only in love, but also in praise, in gratitude, and, as we heard in Father Cizek's case, in unbelievable courage and fortitude. Perhaps we underestimate the power of faith in our lives; maybe we fail to see that faith is a relationship between God and ourselves, and that, like any other relationship, it can grow stronger if that's what we desire.

One of the loveliest and wisest prayers in the Gospels is that of a distraught father who comes to Jesus begging him to cure his son who is gravely ill. Jesus explains that everything is possible to one who believes, and the man cries out his prayer: "I do have faith. Help the little faith I have!" Perhaps that's a prayer that we too might pray: "Lord, we do believe, but help the little faith we have."

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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 Hault, 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.

Christine Haigh

The Requiem for Christine will take place on Tuesday 11th October at 10.am in St Michael's, followed by Committal at Barnsley Crematorium. Fr. Gus O'Reilly will be conducting the service. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

First Holy Communion Programme 2023

Preparations for next year's First Communions begins on Monday 17th October at 7.00pm in St. Michael's church hall. Parents and guardians are invited to find out what form of preparation the programme will take this year.

Changes to Masses

Fr Declan will be away over the next two weeks. Fr Darren and Fr Henry from Doncaster will once again be stepping in to cover for Fr Declan for some of the weekend masses.

Please note there will be no weekday Masses during this time. If you need a priest in a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Damian on 01226 284961 or 07791554214.

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

Don't forget to return your envelope as soon as possible to enable CAFOD to provide assistance and relief to the people in desperate situations around the world.

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The Bonus Ball for 1st October was number 43. The winners were M Howitt in Goldthorpe and M Harrison in Hoyland.

Annual Mass Count

This weekend is the fourth and final count, when the numbers at mass are 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.

Schools Update

School admissions are still open for September 2023 for our three primary schools of Sacred Heart, Goldthorpe, St. Michael and All Angels, Wombwell and St Helen's, Hoyland. Prospective parents are always welcome to visit any of these schools, at St. Helen's there are limited spaces in most classes. Each school has their own facebook page, which you are very welcome to visit, 'like' and follow to see what is happening in our schools. 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
0 Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help	Pray for us