

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Exodus 17:8-13
Victory comes to Israel as long as Moses can keep his arms raised.

Responsorial Psalm 120
Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2
All scripture is inspired by God and can be used for teaching.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 18:1-8
Jesus teaches his disciples to pray continually and never lose heart.

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday 16th October 2022

Sunday Year C

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

"Pray continually and never lose heart."

Service Times & Intentions

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
Tuesday (St Helen`s)	18 Oct	10.00am	NO MASS
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	19 Oct	10.00am	NO MASS
Thursday (St Helen`s)	20 Oct	10.00am	NO MASS
Friday (Sacred Heart)	21 Oct	10.00am	NO MASS
Saturday (St Michael`s)	22 Oct	10.00am	NO MASS
Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	22 Oct	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	23 Oct	9.00am	Lee Conway`s Birthday
Sunday (St Helen`s)	23 Oct	11.00am	Sheila Foody 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.

Are we losing the habit of memorising? Some of us can still remember being brought up on *The Penny Catechism* with its questions and answers about every aspect of Catholic faith. The decision to abandon this approach to learning was based on the belief that such rote repetition did not bring understanding. A similar decision was made in regard to learning one's times tables and memorising poetry. Explanation and understanding replaced memory. Yet memory plays a vital role in establishing our identity, both personally and as a society. We can't eliminate its role altogether. Our social shaping comes through our shared learning, whether nursery rhymes or the times tables or the prayers learnt at our mother's knee. It is true that bad memories can haunt us, but psychotherapists work on bringing such into the light so that we can have a greater sense of confidence and control in our lives. Similarly, a neglect of learning poetry by heart leaves us without access to the shared lived wisdom of the past. Nadezhda Mandelstam wife of the Russian poet Osip Mandelstam, who died under Stalin's purge in the 1930s, waited till better times in the 1970s to reveal his poetry to the world. Because she could have been killed for having his poetry in her possession, she had committed it all to memory. St Luke's Gospel constantly mentions Jesus being at prayer. It has even been called the Gospel of prayer. Jesus is found at prayer particularly when he is faced with a big decision or an important event. The consummate example is in the garden of Gethsemane. Luke links the prayer of Jesus on this occasion into what is his usual practice: Jesus went out, in accordance with his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and he encouraged his disciples twice to pray not to enter into temptation. Jesus usually prays by himself, but he encourages his disciples to follow his example. At one point in the Gospel they ask him to teach them how to pray, and Jesus, as in Matthew's Gospel, gives them the prayer we now know as the Lord's Prayer. It is a shorter version than the one we use but it contains the same coupling of praise and petition. It is the petition element that dominates his teaching on prayer in today's Gospel. The petitioner is a widow, a figure used by Jesus elsewhere as an example of poverty and powerlessness. The judge is the symbol

of power as well as justice. He is pictured as acting on the widow's behalf, not because of the justice of her claim, but because he fears that, in the original Greek of the Gospel, she will give him a black eye if he fails to act. How much more likely that God will see justice done, even if at times God does seem slow to react.

Memory and prayer have certain aspects in common. They both open us up to what is beyond or greater than ourselves. People condemn memorisation because they fear it supports indoctrination. They condemn prayer because they feel it gives a false sense of expectation. Both criticisms can be true when the practices of memory and prayer are used abusively. But to eliminate their practice on such grounds limits our ability to be open to the world and to God.

It is often said that the practice of prayer does not change God: it changes us. We become more able to understand and follow God's will. And, just as with a well-trained memory, we are then able to draw things out of our treasury, both new and old. We struggle when we cannot make sense of our world. Prayer takes us beyond the capabilities of our mind and heart to find the source of all meaning, God. This allows us to return to our world with greater understanding but also with gratitude. Life is a gift, but to remain open to a full appreciation of the gift of each day and what it brings we need that inner openness, which both prayer and memory bring. They act as the invisible cord that links us to the divine mystery that lies behind not just our own salvation but that of our world. And as we respond to this vision we, too, never lose heart

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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, 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 Edna Yates who died recently. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

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.

Mission Sunday Collection

Next weekend there will be a second collection for MISSIO

World Mission Sunday is the one Sunday in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission. All the donations from Masses go entirely towards supporting churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

Changes to Masses

Fr Declan will be away the next week. 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.

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 the programme will take this year.

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The Bonus Ball for 8th October was number 51. The winner in Hoyland was M McAllister. No winner in Goldthorpe as numbers go up to 49 there, so next weekend will be a rollover for some lucky person!

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

Gentle Exercise Group

The Gentle Exercise Group meet in St Michael's Parish Hall each Monday at 10.00am for an hour. It is aimed at the over 55's and is an ideal way of meeting other people for a chat and social interaction as well as the gentle physical exercises, in a warm relaxing environment. All for just £2. Why not give it a try? Just come along or contact Sandra on 01226 751656 for further information.

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 in a warm place for a hot meal followed by pudding, tea and/or coffee. Lunch is only £5 and is followed by a raffle and bingo.

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

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