

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Malachi 3:19-20
Christ fulfils the promise of the prophet Malachi, who tells us that those who remain close to God will be rewarded for their faithfulness

Responsorial Psalm 97:5-9
The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

Second Reading Malachi 3:19-20
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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 21:5-19
The saints and martyrs witness to the faithfulness of God to rescue their lives and protect them in adversity, even in death.

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday Year C

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

"Your endurance will win you your lives."

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	12 Nov	5.30pm	Sheila Durkan RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	13 Nov	9.00am	Bridie Pickering RIP
Sunday (St Helen`s)	13 Nov	11.00am	People of the Parish
Tuesday (St Helen`s)	15 Nov	10.00am	Peter Hutchinson RIP
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	16 Nov	10.00am	Holy Souls
Thursday (St Helen`s)	17 Nov	10.00am	Funeral of Peter Hutchinson
Friday (St Helen`s)	18 Nov	10.00am	Bridie Pickering RIP
Saturday (St Michael`s)	19 Nov	10.00am	80 th Birthday Intention
Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	19 Nov	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	20 Nov	9.00am	Jane Thurston RIP
Sunday (St Helen`s)	20 Nov	11.00am	D Hill and J O`Connell 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.

Just over a year ago, twenty-seven migrants died trying to cross the English Channel and reach the shores of Kent to start a new life. This small group, together in a flimsy inflatable boat, exploited by people smugglers, tragically lost their lives. We don't know why they travelled; some may have been economic migrants, others fleeing from persecution, some Christians; we will never know the full story of each person, but some stories have emerged. Of the twenty-seven people, seventeen were men, six women, three children and one child still in the womb. The first victim identified was called Maryam, the Aramaic name for Miriam, or Mary. The tragedy became more poignant when we saw their families interviewed on the television. Such is the power of modern communications to bring us into the homes of suffering people.

Whilst the rhetoric between Britain and France increased after this event, we remember in our prayers each of those unique men and women created by God as God's gift. Each one had a name, a family, people who loved them and whom they loved. Since last November, the small boats have continued to cross the Channel and people are driven in the backs of lorries across Europe. The continuing dramatic effects of climate change bring about further desertification of land; conflict and war bring more poverty; the hope of migration to a rich country continues to invite. We are reminded of the symbolic significance of Pope Francis' first pastoral visit to the refugees on the island of Lampedusa.

During this year we have heard St Luke's Gospel proclaimed each Sunday. St Luke presents some of the most graphic parables about those in need, which develop the theme of the Beatitudes, beginning, "How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God." He tells us that it is those who are poor, those who are hungry, those who weep and those who are persecuted who will be blessed. To shake stubborn hearts from their complacency, he cries, "But alas for you who are rich... who have your fill now... who laugh now... Alas for you when the world speaks well of you." St Luke invites us to open our hearts and reach out to those in need, exemplified nowhere more graphically than in the contrast of the fate of the rich man and Lazarus.

In this context, in his message for the World Day of the Poor 2021 Pope Francis recalled words of St John Chrysostom: "The merciful are like a harbour for those in need: the harbour welcomes and frees from danger all those who are shipwrecked; whether they are evildoers, good persons, or whatever they may be, the harbour shelters them within its inlet. You, too, therefore, when you see on land a man or a woman who has suffered the shipwreck of poverty, do not judge, do not ask for an account of their conduct, but deliver them from their misfortune."

Migration, housing and the provision of accommodation, food, services, and the processing of asylum applications are highly contentious and hotly debated political matters. Yet each person is a child of God and a brother or sister of the whole human family. We create the barriers that define others and are invited to go beyond them in our love of neighbour. To stand up and be counted, whether for this cause, or the cause of unborn children or elderly or disabled people, will bring trouble and criticism. Jesus tells us to stand firm because the Holy Spirit will give us eloquence and wisdom that will be truthful and just. We can place our hope in the words, "Your endurance will win you your lives."

The lives of the saints inspire us, for example Mother Teresa – now St Teresa – who rescued the poorest children from the streets; those men and women who have dedicated themselves to the care of people living with HIV; Father Damien of Molokai who dedicated his life to the lepers of that island. More locally, perhaps it could be the opportunity to support local Catholic agencies who support those in need, and become involved as a volunteer. The invitation on the World Day of the Poor is to look around us, encounter others, see those in need and come to their assistance. Riches are a gift for the use of others who are in need. We are invited to re-evaluate our contribution to those most in need.

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Peter Gillott, Jan Dextor, Ellen Cooper, Percy Winterton, Kath Hardy, Carole Dyson, Bernadette Houlton, Janet O'Brien, Michael Bennett, Janette Barber, Claire Selby, Paddy McNicholas, 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.

Requiescant in Pace

We pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Hutchinson, Jean Prescott and Fr Geoff Hurst, retired priest of the Hallam Diocese, who died recently.

Peter will be taken into St Helen's, Hoyland, on Wednesday 16th November at 5.00pm. The funeral service will take place on Thursday 17th November at 10.00am.

The funeral of Jean Prescott will take place in St Helen's, Hoyland on Tuesday 22nd November at 10.45am.

Please keep their families and friends in your prayers

Holy Souls

If you would like a mass for your loved ones who are no longer with us, the Holy Souls lists and envelopes are now available from church. Masses for the Holy Souls will then be said throughout the coming year.

Red Wednesday at St Marie's Cathedral

Wednesday 23rd November is Red Wednesday, and as part of Aid to the Church in Need's campaign to "Break the Silence" on the persecution of Christians across the world, churches across the country will be lit up in red. This year, St Marie's Cathedral will be lit in red from 4.30pm. After the 5.30pm Mass, there will be an opportunity to light candles and pray for our persecuted brethren until 9.00pm, with a Holy Hour at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome! For more information about Red Wednesday, please see <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/redwednesday/>

Diocesan Day of Reflection Sunday 27th November

The Diocesan Spirituality Group would like to invite everyone to a Diocesan Day of Reflection on the first Sunday in Advent at The Hallam Pastoral Centre, St. Charles Street, Sheffield S9 3WU from 10.00am-5.00pm, concluding with the Celebration of Mass. You don't have to book, just turn up with your picnic lunch, tea and coffee can be provided.

Safeguarding

We would be grateful if any volunteers who need to renew their DBS (i.e. it's more than 3 years old) would contact one of the Safeguarding reps to arrange for a renewal. Dave Coefield will be leaving his position as Safeguarding rep. at the end of the year and Fr Declan would be grateful to hear from any interested replacement volunteers.

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The Bonus Ball for 23rd October was number 34 (again). There are no winners to announce as in both St. Helen's and in Sacred Heart that number is a spare number, so next week will be a rollover.

Needy Parishes

Next weekend there will be a collection for those parishes that need a little extra help.

Advent Day by Day

As we approach the beginning of Advent, the Day by Day booklets for both children and adults are available free from the back of church. You may, if you wish, make a small contribution to the costs.

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