

Christ the King

First Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-3
All the tribes of Israel choose David as their king.

Responsorial Psalm 121:1-5
I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

Second Reading Colossians 1:12-20
The Son holds all things in unity and reconciles everything in heaven and everything on earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 23:35-43
Jesus promises the gift of the kingdom to the criminal who believes in him.

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Weekday Cycle II

"Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'"

Service Times & Intentions

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
Tuesday (St. Helen`s)	22 Nov	9.45am	Dominic Kilroy RIP
Tuesday (St Helen`s)	22 Nov	10.45am	Funeral for Jean Prescott
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	23 Nov	10.00am	Holy Souls
Thursday (St Helen`s)	24 Nov	10.00am	Peter Hutchinson RIP
Friday (Sacred Heart)	25 Nov	10.00am	Bridie Pickering RIP
Saturday (St Michael`s)	26 Nov	10.00am	Yorkshire Brethren
Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	26 Nov	5.30pm	Bryan Ward RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	27 Nov	9.00am	Christine Haigh RIP
Sunday (St Helen`s)	27 Nov	11.00am	People of the Parish

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.

Do we look forward or back in life? We are told that the ideal is to live in the present. But as human beings our lives are coloured by our memories. If we were hurt badly or received little love when we were young, much of our lives may be spent in trying to heal those wounds. If we were loved and helped to be secure by our parents, families and friends, we tend to be more confident and face our world with trust and openness.

It may seem odd, but if we are happy as children, we tend to leave home more easily. If we are sad, the break can be more difficult, as though tentacles of unresolved issues and guilt tie us to the past like rampant bindweed. It can also be more difficult to see alternative ways of being. It is as though our imaginations are dulled, the freedom of our spirits curtailed. We look forward fearfully. Whatever we do, we feel things are likely to go wrong, and we will repeat the patterns of our childhood. Sometimes, in contrast, we react by becoming wildly optimistic. This time I will get it right. This time all will be well. But such hopes are often based on what we desire others to do for us and not upon an awareness of ourselves or how we might make things different. We swing between fond hopes and near despair. There is little acceptance of the mixture of good and bad in each of us, knowledge of which helps us move forward realistically with patience and humour.

As Jesus hangs on the cross, he is surrounded by the crowd and their jeering leaders. The language is that of anger and disappointment. Some of them might have had hopes that Jesus would be the Chosen One who would free them from the yoke of the Romans. Others might have been upset by his clear teaching that the way of the Chosen One was not that of political rebellion. In both cases they are stuck in the past. Once they had kings. Once they had been an independent people. A king should have the power to save himself as well as others. The soldiers and one of the criminals join the mocking. Their limited understanding is given ironic expression in the inscription put above him: "This is the King of the Jews."

As so often in the Gospels, the truth lies elsewhere. Jesus calls for a vision that goes beyond our ordinary way of thinking. So many of his detractors want Jesus

to make their lives easy, to heal their ills and free them from oppression. There is no sense of their own responsibilities or contribution they might make. This is the difference between them and the good criminal. He understands clearly his own self. He is a criminal who is being justly punished for what he has done and accepts it. But he still has hope. Through reconciliation and through trust in Jesus he might yet be saved. In his response Jesus recognises his faith with the promise that he is already reconciled; he is already in the kingdom.

If we are to be like the good criminal, we too need to have a clear picture of who we are and also that same underlying trust in Christ. St Paul speaks of how everything in heaven and everything on earth is reconciled in Christ. Christ holds all things in unity; he takes us out of our darkness of misunderstanding, failure and despair, and makes it possible for us to join the saints and with them inherit the light. If we look back, it is to judge ourselves as accurately as possible. The aim is neither to blank out our responsibility for who we are nor to become enmeshed in a sense of guilt and failure. Sometimes we blame ourselves too much, sometimes we blame others, but either way we become caught up in false hopes and expectations.

The miracle does not lie in someone waving a magic wand to wipe out all that is difficult in our lives. The miracle lies in our encounter with Christ that takes us forward through his healing and reconciling power. It is this power, celebrated especially in the sacrament of reconciliation but also in the whole of our sacramental life, that enables us to continue to grow in the life of faith on earth and to share in the fullness of God's glory in heaven.

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Marie Bray (nee Walsh), Peter Gillott, Jan Dextor, Ellen Cooper, Percy Winterton, Kath Hardy, Carole Dyson, Bernadette Hoult, 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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eithne Kierney who died recently. Her funeral will take place on Thursday 1st December at 12.00 noon in St Michael's Church.

Please note that mass in St Helen's will be at 9.45am on Tuesday 22nd November, preceding the funeral of Jean Prescott which will take place 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.

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.

Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards will be on sale at the back of church from this weekend. Diaries and calendars will also be available from next weekend.

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The Bonus Ball last Saturday was number 39. The winner in Sacred Heart was V Jevons and C Tissington in St Helen's, each winning £50 due to the rollover! There are spare numbers in both churches. George Burnitt in is man to see in Goldthorpe and in Hoyland please see Pat Tomlinson.

Needy Parishes

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

Red Mission Boxes

Please bring in your Red Mission Boxes at your earliest convenience. If you are a UK Taxpayer, please consider using Gift Aid and make sure your name is on the box that you leave, or empty your own box and bring to church, making sure your name is on your donation. This allows the Missio Co-ordinator to log your donation and therefore claim the Gift Aid. Thank you for your support and for your continued prayers for missionaries around the world.

Knights of St. Columba Christmas Appeal for Barnsley Hospital

This year the Knights are hoping to help the elderly patients in Barnsley Hospital. Items such as slippers and toiletries would be gratefully received and all age groups appreciate chocolate! If you can help, please leave your donation at the back of church.

Advent Day by Day

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