

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Isaiah 49:3.5-6
With God, failure is often a prelude to a greater success. Failing with Israel, the mission of Isaiah becomes a mission to the world.

Responsorial Psalm 39:2,4,7-10
Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
For St Paul, the only true nation is the nation of those who call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessing on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

Gospel John 1:29-34
John was born to reveal Jesus to Israel. We are to reveal him to the world.

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday Year A

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Weekday Cycle II

"The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest."

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	14 Jan	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	15 Jan	9.00am	Irvin and Stella Bennett RIP
Sunday (St Helen`s)	15 Jan	11.00am	Peter Hutchinson RIP
Tuesday (St Helen`s)	17 Jan	10.00am	NO MASS
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	18 Jan	10.00am	Kath Cragg RIP
Thursday (St Helen`s)	19 Jan	10.00am	Anne Clark RIP
Friday (Sacred Heart)	20 Jan	10.00am	Reg Field RIP
Saturday (St Michael`s)	21 Jan	10.00am	Christian Nwakamma
Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	21 Jan	5.30pm	Colin Hermitage RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	22 Jan	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen`s)	22 Jan	11.00am	Andrew J Marren 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

When the musical *Jesus Christ Superstar* was revived for a theatrical performance in London, posters to advertise the play were put up in the West End, the major commercial and theatrical area of the city. They showed street scenes of crowds walking through the busy streets of London, but, in each picture, highlighted a particular face. The face was one of the stars of the production. Without the highlighting, you would not have noticed that one person among the throng of people.

What was it that John the Baptist saw in Jesus that told him that this was the one he was waiting for? It wasn't the dove which appeared above him at his baptism, since this would not look remarkable without that special insight that was given to John. However this insight worked, it was sufficient for the disciples who could see that John could see. It is good for us to remember that there are no unimportant people in the crowds that surround us. Each one has a special gift from God, if we could see.

When Christ came into the world, he gave us power to be responsible for that world. He, as the prophet Isaiah foretold, was to be the light of the nations, his salvation was to reach to the ends of the earth. Yet he shares this ministry with us. We can think of the humanity of Jesus, his soul and body, as a sort of instrument. This is not a denial of the incarnation, because God the Son uses that humanity to be himself, and he will never lay down that instrument. We too become instruments of God through the humanity of Jesus. We are the brothers and sisters of the one who is God and still human.

All human beings have to work through others. Great music, art and writings only exist if they are appreciated and received by other human beings. Christ wishes to be received into our hearts, so that his love and redemption can be worked for the world. This places an immense responsibility on us, but even though we are inadequate instruments, it is the skill of God in using us as instruments that we are to rely on, not our own strength. Look at Jesus, and let him enter.

Stand in a city street, anywhere in the world, and there will be so many people passing by. Most of them we will not know, but occasionally there will be a face in

the crowd we recognise. Perhaps someone we know, perhaps someone we merely know about. Those faces stand out. Yet every one of the faces of the people who flow by us in the great river of souls is known to God. We can't know very many people in this life, and even the ones we do know, we don't always know very well. We know their habits, can get to be good at knowing what they will say, how they will react to a particular event. Yet it is all superficial. We don't really know people because we don't really know ourselves. It is the one face in the crowd that helps us to connect to the many, to the countless lives that have been or will be lived in this earth.

John the Baptist lived a solitary life. He had his disciples, he spoke to the crowds of people, but he was apart. He waited for the coming of the Christ because only through him could he connect. Peter and the other apostles followed Jesus out of the crowd and they would come to know some unexpected individuals in their lives as they followed Jesus. They would speak to Roman governors, soldiers, leaders of foreign synagogues, and great thinkers, but it would always be one to one. We cannot see humanity as a whole and so we can only know a few in our lives. Yet in prayer and the sacraments, we can touch all the faces of humanity. The Eucharist is the sign of how Christ united himself to every human being on earth. He offers himself to the world, and he is present to all who pray, not just in his divinity but in his humanity. His human presence is extended to the many, and so in heaven will our humanity be extended.

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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, 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 Hermitage, Thomas Collins, Norma Marshall, Val Armstrong, Terry Mullins, Matthew Deakin, Margaret Booker, Michael Foy, Shirley Broadhead, Norah Preuss, Mavis Guilcher.

Requiescat in Pace

The funeral of Kath Cragg is arranged for Thursday, 26th January at 9.30am in St Michael's.

Craft Group

The Craft Group, after 3 years absence, is hoping to start up again on Thursday 19th January. We meet in the Parish rooms at Wombwell 10.00am until 12.30pm. All are welcome, and please feel free to come to knit, sew, crochet and natter, or just for a cuppa!

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The Bonus Ball last Saturday was number 18. The winner in Goldthorpe was J Whitfield and in Hoyland the winner was J Andrews, each winning £25.

Change to Mass Tuesday 17th January

Please note there will be no mass next Tuesday.

First Holy Communion Programme 2023

The next meeting will be on Monday 16th January from 6.00pm to 7.15pm in St Michael's Church Hall and is for parents and children.

Monday Gentle Exercise Group

The group has been running for several years and meets in St Michael's church hall each Monday at 10.00am. They have been successful in obtaining funding from Barnsley Council as part of 'levelling up' which will cover the cost of renting the hall for a year. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Sandra, 01226 751656 or 07801490992

Offertory Collections

If you regularly contribute to the offertory each week, either by using an envelope or cash, please consider changing to Standing Order payment instead. Bank charges have increased fourfold in the last couple of months and from 1st January the amount of coin paid in is also being restricted. Paying by Standing Order will reduce the bank charges. These changes impact on all churches, it is not just our parish which is affected.

Standing Order forms can be obtained from Fr Declan.

If you are a UK Tax Payer please consider Gift Aiding your offerings to Corpus Christi Parish. For the previous Tax Year 2021-22, the Parish received £8400 from the Government as part of the Gift Aid scheme, which is a tremendous boost to Parish finances. We are also allowed to include any loose offerings in the Gift Aid scheme so even the smallest offering can add up over the year. A big thank to all who contribute in whatever way they can

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
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