

3rd Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33
The humanity of Christ was raised to fulfil the deepest longings of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11
Show us, Lord, the path of life.

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-21
Only the gifts of God are truly free, but the redemption is also the gift of a human being. This is why it was fitting that the Lord should pay a price for that redemption.

Gospel Acclamation

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us

Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 24:13-35
The Church is a conversation, as we share our faith. Sometimes we fail to allow the Lord into that conversation.

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

Third Sunday of Easter

Weekday Cycle II

"Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets!'"

Nowadays we are being exhorted to keep our smartphones for as long as possible to save the environment. We tend to assume that a new phone will be better than the last one – and phone companies continually use their advertising to promote this idea. Technology is usually expected to develop in one direction: it's always better than before. So we think that new is better than old, and apply that to all forms of human reason. The people of ancient times thought differently. They saw that old things decay, so assumed that life was a continual regression from the perfection of the past, as things fall apart. New things, then, would be worse than old things. The only solution was to hope for everything to be reset and for creation to start again. So the future would be a restoration of the past, and time was basically circular.

The people of ancient Israel gave us a new idea, the idea of time as a straight line leading to the final triumph of God with the coming of God's kingdom. The trouble is that when the kingdom started to come with Jesus, then some failed to recognise it. This is not surprising. The kingdom that Christ brought about was quite different from human expectations. Yet the early Christians believed in Jesus, most of all because they found his coming to be predicted by the Old Testament. The past was the clue to the future. What the prophets had said, what the law was preparing for, the whole experience of Israel and its suffering, all pointed to the redemption that Jesus Christ was to offer to us.

When Jesus appears to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus in today's Gospel, he does not reveal himself by miracles, or even simply identify himself as the Christ returned from the dead. Instead he expounds the scriptures. The astounding meaning of his choice to reveal himself this way is that we would be more likely to find the risen Christ in the scriptures than in a face-to-face encounter with him. This is because the meaning of scripture is boundless, an unfathomable profundity. By scripture here, we mean the Old Testament. To this day, the psalms are the indispensable basis of the prayer of the Church. The scriptures are a yearning for redemption, for a happiness that no human power or effort can achieve. Immersing

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	22 Apr	5.30pm	Donald Bedford RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	23 Apr	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen`s)	23 Apr	11.00am	Sheila Leach RIP
Tuesday (St Michael`s) *	25 Apr	9.45am	Holy Souls
Tuesday (St Michael`s)	25 Apr	10.45am	Funeral Service for Kathleen Rear
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	26 Apr	10.00am	Yorkshire Brethren
Thursday (St Helen`s)	27 Apr	10.00am	
Friday (Sacred Heart)	28 Apr	10.00am	Jack Barry RIP
Saturday (St Michael`s)	29 Apr	10.00am	Shaun Barrett rip
Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	29 Apr	5.30pm	John Corrigan RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	30 Apr	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen`s)	30 Apr	11.00am	Mary and John Coefield RIP

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF CHURCH

Divine Mercy Chaplet is at 3.00pm on Fridays at St. Michael's Church

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available upon request.

The Rosary is every **Wednesday** at 1.30pm in Sacred Heart, Goldthorpe

ourselves in that longing for the coming of God's kingdom through the Messiah, the Christ, we learn more about the Christ than any apparition could teach us. "Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures for us?" say the disciples. For that is what they now are: disciples with burning hearts.

We are often disappointed by things that we had longed for. A new gadget, a new piece of clothing – it seemed more attractive when we didn't actually have it. Then the delight fades. Our lives are not changed by it as we imagined they might be. A more profound disappointment can kick in, when it is a matter of some achievement: a job, an identity, a way of life, a connection with what seemed, in the words of F.E. Smith, a British politician and lawyer, the "glittering prizes". If we are disappointed, then the best thing to do is consider what it was we really wanted. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus said they had hoped that Jesus would be "the one to set Israel free". They were probably thinking in political terms. Yet the freedom of Christ is much greater than any political freedom. Israel would indeed be free in Christ, but, in his words, "You will learn the truth and the truth will make you free." We might, at times, be disappointed in our faith. That is how so many Christians fall away from belief. If they do so, they will inevitably seek some other form of happiness. No matter how destructive some people's lives may seem, they are always seeking happiness; and therefore, deep down, they seek the truth, without which no happiness can stand. And the truth is something that we can learn through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit that he promised us.

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Christine and Bill Mays, Marie Bray (nee Walsh), Peter Gillott, Jan Dextor, Percy Winterton, Kath Hardy, Carole Dyson, Bernadette Hoult, Michael Bennett, Janette Barber, 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.

Requiescat in Pace

We pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Rear who died recently. The funeral will be held on Tuesday 25th April at 10.45am in St Michael's. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

Anointing of the Sick

Fr Declan will now need more time to respond to call outs, so please do not leave it to the last minute if you have concerns about a loved one.

MARIST PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - SATURDAY 1st JULY

A date for our diaries! The Marist pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday 1st July and our coach is already booked. Usual pick up points at Wombwell and Goldthorpe, price to be £20 adults/ £10 children. Sign-up notices will be displayed in all three churches towards the end of May.

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The Bonus Ball last Saturday was number 29 The winners were T McCoy in Sacred Heart and E Cooper in St Helen's, each winning £25.

Priest's Training Fund

Next Sunday the Church marks the Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday', after the Gospel of the Day. The day also marks the World Day of Prayer for Vocations within the Church.

There will be a second collection for the Priest's Training Fund (PTF) which is aimed at supporting those who offer themselves for the priesthood within our Diocese.

SVP Appeal

In their effort to help the most vulnerable, the SVP are appealing for donations of body lotions for Asylum seekers and Refugees. Any donations can be left in the box at the back of each church. Thank you.

Annual Service for Survivors of Abuse

You are invited to the Diocese of Hallam Annual Service for the Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse. Taking place on Tuesday 9th May at 7.00pm in Blessed Trinity Catholic Church Hall, Wickersley. Refreshments will be available afterwards, but please confirm your attendance for catering purposes to ipearson@hallam-diocese.com See poster in church for more details.

Communication and Social Media Officer of Hallam Diocese

The Diocese is seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and motivated Communication and Social Media Officer to cover the maternity leave of the present post-holder. The proposed commencement date for this post is 15th May 2023. Based at the Pastoral Centre, your role will require you to be a well-motivated, independent and conscientious worker, willing to take on the challenge of contributing to the work of the team and of the Diocese in various ways.

This post carries a Genuine Occupational Requirement for the postholder to be a practising Catholic in full communion with the Church (in accordance with the Equality Act 2010). The successful candidate will be required to apply for an Enhanced DBS check prior to taking up their post.

An application pack can be obtained from the Formation and Mission department: formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com

Closing date: **Noon on Friday 28th April 2023**

First Holy Communion Programme 2023

The rehearsal for the First Communion on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th May will be on **Thursday 11th May at 5.00pm** in St Michael's Church Hall and is for parents and children.

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