

7th Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 1:12-14
Jesus' disciples were known as "apostles", a word that means sent on a mission.

Responsorial Psalm 26:1,4,7-8
I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Second Reading 1 Peter 4:13-16
St Peter tells us that it is a glorious thing to bear the name "Christian".

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 17:1-11
Jesus hands on his mission and prays for those to whom it has been entrusted.

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday 21st May 2023

Sunday Year A

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Weekday Cycle II

"I have made your name known."

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	20 May	5.30pm	Shaun Barrett RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	21 May	9.00am	Mary Gutowski RIP
Sunday (St Helen`s)	21 May	11.00am	People of the Parish
Tuesday (St Helen`s)	23 May	10.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	24 May	10.00am	Shaun Barrett RIP
Thursday (St Helen`s)	25 May	10.00am	Callaghan Family
Friday (Sacred Heart)	26 May	10.00am	
Saturday (St Michael`s)	27 May	10.00am	Yorkshire Brethren
Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	27 May	5.30pm	Patricia Anne Smith RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	28 May	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen`s)	28 May	11.00am	Ken Henshaw RIP

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

In 1961, US President John F. Kennedy pledged that America would put a man on the moon before the decade was out. Though he did not live to see that day, his pledge was fulfilled with the Apollo 11 space mission in 1969. A three-man crew travelled 240,000 miles across space, touching down on the lunar surface seventy-six hours later. Taking their first, very tentative, steps, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin laid a plaque which said: "Here men from the planet Earth first set foot upon the Moon. We came in peace." What was so incredible about the moon landing was not just the technological advances that made it possible, but that an estimated 600 million people were watching it worldwide. Without a television camera mounted on the side of the spacecraft, the moon landing would still have been a great American achievement. Television, however, transformed it into something of global significance, a unifying moment for the whole of humankind.

The potential of the media to be a power for good was something the Second Vatican Council had begun to recognise. Newspapers, films, radio and television could be used to bring people together and promote Gospel values. In a new spirit of engagement with the outside world, the Council inaugurated World Communications Day in 1967 as a way of continuing the mission of Jesus to make God known.

Apollo 11 did not discover the moon. People could see the moon for themselves in the night sky. It was just that no one had ever been there. In the same way, people in Jesus' day worshipped God; they understood God's commandments; they could see God's splendour in creation – but they had never experienced God in the way that Jesus did. His mission was to enable everyone to know God as Father. For "knowing" God in the Hebrew sense of the word means more than acquaintance. It conveys the idea of intimate relationship.

Jesus was a natural broadcaster. Hillsides were his auditorium. He also taught in the Temple at festival times when Jerusalem was most crowded. He preached in a cove near Capernaum where, from Peter's boat, the surface of the water could amplify his voice. He used parables to convey profound truths. He touched lepers

and shared meals with outcasts so that people could grasp the limitlessness of divine compassion. He revealed the truth about God to as many people as he could, in as many ways as he could. In doing so, Jesus stretched people's understanding of "glory" beyond the sense of majesty. He offered a glimpse of the graciousness of our heavenly Father in wanting to be a part of our lives and in wanting us to be a part of his. To "know" God is to become caught up in glory. In today's Gospel, we listened to the deepest prayer of Jesus' heart, that we, his followers, might share the life of our gracious Father God and so begin our journey to eternity.

It is no accident that World Communications Day comes on the Sunday before Pentecost. Our first reading tells us that Mary and the apostles prayed constantly in the upper room, and St Peter in our second reading describes how the Spirit of glory thereafter "rested" upon them. They did not just preach and publish Gospels – through them, other people encountered God for themselves. And that same Spirit of glory rests upon you and me. We, too, have been gifted to communicate something of the truth and beauty of God.

World Communications Day gives us an opportunity to reflect upon what kind of message we are giving. The Internet has provided a more effective means of communicating than was available to previous generations, and it is our responsibility to ensure that what we are communicating is glorifying. Social media is more than a platform for self-expression. Just as important is our receptiveness to what other people might be trying to tell us, for communication is a two-way process. It is a relationship. As St Francis said in his famous prayer, "Grant that I may not so much seek to be understood as to understand." "Preach the Gospel at all times," he also said, "and, if necessary, use words." For the truth of God is best told as Jesus told it, by reaching out in love. We are men and women who come in peace, just as those first lunar explorers did. And we too step very respectfully into other people's worlds.

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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, 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.

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.

World Day of Communications – Second Collection

On World Communications Day, we take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world.

The second collection this weekend is for the World Day of Communications.

Second Hand Book Sale - Sunday 21st May

After 9.00am mass today at Goldthorpe there will be a Second Hand Book Sale in the Parish Room - all proceeds to be split between CAFOD and parish funds.

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The Bonus Ball last Saturday was number 28. Winners were M Smith in St Helen's and M Walton in Sacred Heart, each winning £25.

Fruits of the Synod Meeting

Saturday 17th June 2023 10:00am- 2:00pm

An opportunity to come together and hear from each other about how the fruits of the synod are developing in Hallam Diocese. Please see poster for further details.

Hallam Youth

Sue McDonald, director of the youth ministry, would like to thank each and every one for your generous support of our young people. You managed to raise an unbelievable £1,785 which will directly reduce the cost of £1,200 for the participants. Special thanks to Lee Conway for his 3 peaks challenge. Sue's contact is youth@hallam-diocese.com

"Come Follow Me" (Mt 4:19)

Could God be calling you to the Priesthood?

To any man in our diocese who wishes to consider more deeply whether God might be calling you to the Priesthood, you are warmly invited to a morning of prayer and discernment on Saturday 3rd June 10am-12:30pm at St Vincent's Mission Hub Solly Street Sheffield S1 4DE. For more information contact Fr Lee Marshall lmars@hallam-diocese.com

Corpus Christi Procession in Sheffield Sunday 11th June, 3.00pm

Starting from St. Marie's Cathedral, the procession is a wonderful way give witness to our Catholic faith in Our Lord present in the Most Holy Eucharist, and absolutely everyone is welcome to attend. If any of the altar servers would like to come and help out with the procession, they would be more than welcome. Any children who have recently made their First Holy Communion are especially encouraged to come and be with Our Lord on this special occasion in the Church's year.

Little Pieces of God Mosaic

The Artwork will be visiting our parish in July and will be situated in St Michael's Lady Chapel for a few weeks. In order to make plans for the upcoming visit, we are inviting interested parishioners to come to along at 6.45pm next Wednesday 24th May to St. Michael's.

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