

## 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

Pentecost Sunday (Whit Sunday)

Weekday Cycle II

*"Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you."*

Electricity is something that most of us take for granted. It is an invisible power on which we depend for living our daily lives. It provides us with light, heat and the ability to carry out domestic tasks such as cleaning, cooking and washing in hot water. Very often we only notice it when it is absent for some reason or another.

The presence of electric power is revealed in what it does. For example, consider the ordinary light bulb: we can hold it in our hand; it is a perfectly unremarkable object, made up of glass and metal. However, if we put it into a light socket and turn on the switch, it becomes a source of light so bright that we cannot look at it directly without perhaps hurting our eyes: it is soon so hot that we cannot touch it without burning the skin on our hands. The presence of electricity transforms the light bulb, just as it can transform our everyday lives. We might consider the Holy Spirit as such a power.

In our readings today from the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel according to John, we have two very different accounts of the event of Pentecost. In Acts, we have the vivid, and therefore more memorable, account, involving the mighty rushing wind and tongues of fire descending from heaven on the heads of the disciples, enabling them to address the crowds in Jerusalem in the pilgrims' own native languages. But on whom did the Holy Spirit descend? The Gospel version we have just heard says that those gathered together are "the apostles". But this is an addition by the editors of our Lectionary to help the listening congregation visualise the scene. In fact, Luke, the author of Acts, simply says, "they were gathered together". Usually, in the Gospel account and in the early chapters of Acts, Luke has in mind the wider circle of disciples, and in the previous chapter he has mentioned among those gathered in the upper room "several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus". So whom did the crowds in Jerusalem hear speaking in this inspired way in foreign languages? Although our version says "these men", the text could also be understood as "these people", thus women disciples could be among those first proclaiming the Good News of Jesus.

When we turn to the Gospel reading for today's feast, we find a similar emphasis on the idea of being a disciple. There is no selection of the twelve apostles in the

### Pentecost Sunday

#### First Reading Acts 2:1-11

The Holy Spirit is poured out on the disciples of Jesus. This is the final act in the Easter mystery, which is now complete.

#### Responsorial Psalm 103:1,24,29-31, 34

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

#### Second Reading 1Corins:12:3-7,12-13

The apostle Paul reflects on the gifts of the Spirit in the lives of believers and encourages us to play our part, whatever that may be, in building up the life of our community.

### Gospel Acclamation

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

and kindle in them the fire of your love.

#### Alleluia!

#### Gospel John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus makes himself present to his disciples and commissions them to carry on his work.

### Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>27 May</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Patricia Anne Smith RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>28 May</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Ellen Cooper Birthday
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen`s)	<b>28 May</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Ken Henshaw RIP
Tuesday (St Helen`s)	30 May	10.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	31 May	10.00am	Shaun Barrett RIP
Thursday (St Helen`s)	1 June	10.00am	NO MASS
Friday (Sacred Heart)	2 June	10.00am	NO MASS
Saturday (St Michael`s)	3 June	10.00am	NO MASS
<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>3 June</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Kitty and Martin Hamstead Wedding Anniversary
<b>Trinity Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>4 June</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	NO MASS
<b>Trinity Sunday</b> (St Helen`s)	<b>4 June</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	NO MASS

**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

Gospel according to John, nor do the disciples have any share in the ministry of Jesus: for example, it is Jesus alone who distributes bread to the crowd; the disciples are not sent to preach or to heal, as in the other Gospel versions. The term "apostle" means "one who is sent", so, in the Fourth Gospel, we could understand that there are no apostles... until now. So at this appearance, which John tells us took place on the evening of Easter Sunday, the risen Jesus commissions the disciples to carry on his mission, and thus they become apostles. Perhaps we might consider on this feast of Pentecost that the New Testament is saying that the Holy Spirit cannot be confined within our human structures. No one group has a monopoly on the Spirit of Jesus. We believe that the Spirit operates in the Church and through the sacraments, but we cannot limit the Spirit in the way that we need to control electricity if we are to use its power safely.

Jesus did not consider himself bound by the religious teachings or conventions of his day. The people with whom he got into trouble were the synagogue and Temple authorities, not the ordinary people with whom he shared food and drink, an action more significant than most of us, perhaps, appreciate. By this sharing, Jesus was showing people what God is like, a God who accepts and appreciates human beings as they are and is reaching out to them in the person of Jesus. Recently, and as part of the synodal process, we have been encouraged to discuss what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and how to carry Jesus' message to people who have not heard it, or who have been hurt in a way that has led them to reject the Church and its ministers. Perhaps the most important element in all this is that we *listen* to one another, that we try to understand our fellow disciples.

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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.

### **Fr. Declan Away**

Fr. Declan will be taking his exams during the month of June. Masses will be reduced to Saturday evening ONLY, at 5.30pm in St. Michael's, after Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May. In a pastoral emergency please contact Fr. Damien (Worsbrough) on 01226 284961 or Fr. Peter (Cudworth) on 01226 710320

### **Book Sale at Goldthorpe**

A huge Thank You to everyone who supported the Book Sale at Goldthorpe last Sunday either by donating books or buying them. We raised the great sum of £105 which will be divided between CAFOD and Church Funds.

### **Agewell**

The next Agewell trip will be on the 5th July going to Litchfield, the cost is £31 which includes Farmhouse Tea. This trip is open to anyone over 50 including Non Members. Please contact Agewell on 01226 750136 or 07518486822

### **Home from Home Hallam**

It is now almost a year since Home from Home Hallam welcomed a Syrian refugee family to Sheffield. There have been many challenges along the way but the family is doing very well and adjusting to life in Sheffield. You can find out much more about their journey in this collection of Hallam Bridge articles: <https://hallam-diocese.com/caritas/home-from-home/>. Thank you all for your support and prayers.

### **Marist Pilgrimage to Walsingham Saturday 1st July**

The lists are now up at the back of each church for people to sign up and book a place on the coach. As this won't be possible at Goldthorpe or Hoyland during June, please just sign at Wombwell OR ring one of us to reserve your place. Payment can be made on the day - Adults £20/Children £10. Amanda Campbell (07505408870) Theresa Swindells (07724 228327) Pam Kershaw (07867 505966)

### **World Day of Communications 21<sup>st</sup> May**

Thank you for your generous donations for last week's second collection weekend for the World Day of Communications. The total raised was £166.30

### **Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland**

The Bonus Ball last Saturday was number 20. Winners were A Callaghan in St Helen's and John Luty in Sacred Heart, each winning £25.

### **"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 [lmarshall@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:lmarshall@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.

### **Craft Group**

The Craft Group will be cancelled throughout June. The next meeting will be on Thursday July 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **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