

<p><b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <b>First Reading</b> Exodus 19:2-6  The Lord makes Israel his very own people, a consecrated nation.</p> <p><b>Responsorial Psalm</b> 99:2-3,5  We are his people: the sheep of his flock.</p> <p><b>Second Reading</b> Romans 5:6-11  Christ has reconciled and saved us through his death.</p>	<p><b>Gospel Acclamation</b>  <b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b>  The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.  <b>Alleluia!</b></p> <p><b>Gospel</b> Matthew 9:36 - 10:8  Jesus sends out his disciples to labour in his harvest.</p>
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**Service Times & Intentions**

<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>17 June</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Jack Barry RIP
<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>24 June</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Jessie Turner RIP

**DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE THERE WILL ONLY BE THE VIGIL MASS ON SATURDAY EVENINGS IN ST. MICHAEL`S.**

**There will be no Mass at either St Helen`s Hoyland or Sacred Heart, Goldthorpe**

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** is always available upon request.

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

**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. In a pastoral emergency please contact Fr. Damien (Worsbrough) on 01226 284961 or Fr. Peter (Cudworth) on 01226 710320

**St Helen`s Update**

It is now likely that St Helen`s church will be closed for two months as the work involved will take longer than previously anticipated. The Blessed Sacrament has therefore been removed. Please do not enter the church as it is not safe at the present time. Some parishioners may find it easier to get to Our Lady & St. James, Worsbrough for 6.00pm for the Saturday Vigil or Holy Rood Barnsley on Sundays, 9.30am and 11.00am

**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.

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



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Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Sunday Year A

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

*"He felt sorry for the crowds because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd."*

Crowds are a strange human phenomenon. Many of us have probably experienced both the euphoria of being in a crowd and also the sense of fear when the mood of the crowd changes and becomes hostile. In his book *Crowds and Power* Elias Canetti, who had experienced the activities of mobs in Nazi Germany, analysed the way crowds behave. There has to be a common object or aim that focuses their attention.

As emotions are raised, people let go of their inhibitions and allow themselves to be carried away by the passion of the moment. Common sense, detachment, any usual politeness or propriety disappears. At such a point, if the crowd is thwarted in its aims, it can quickly become violent. In the storm of emotion, an enemy can be identified and attacked, and with the sudden outpouring of violence against this scapegoat the crowd`s anger can grow to even greater intensity before fragmenting into its bewildered parts. Anyone who can manipulate this force in crowds is in a very powerful position indeed, as history constantly reminds us. We can still see it in our world today, especially when crowds are stirred up by politicians. It is the art of detaching people from their sense of individual responsibility in such a way that they are taken over by a force greater than themselves. We may also be attracted to crowds if our own sense of self-esteem is low, for the strength and confidence of the crowd give us a false sense of our own importance.

Jesus spends a lot of his time with crowds. In the end it will be a crowd that causes his downfall, egged on by manipulative leaders. Perhaps it was the same crowd that cheered him loudly on his way but a few days earlier. This is how crowds behave, even in this case to the point of declaring that they would willingly take his blood upon their heads and upon the heads of their children. Carried away by the passion of the moment, they are capable of anything.

But for all this Jesus never condemns the crowds. Rather he sees their underlying misery and despair. They are like sheep without a shepherd, lacking direction and security. It is in response to the dejection of the crowds that Jesus gathers his disciples together for their first mission. He wants to offer true leadership, a

leadership that will cast out evil spirits and cure all kinds of disease and sickness. He wants to take away their brokenness and lack of love. He has shown he can do this himself. Now he shares his power with disciples, sending them first of all to the people of Israel, for it is right that such healing is offered first to those the Lord has chosen as his own. Later the mission will be to the peoples of the nations as well, the Gentiles, for all are called to be healed and reconciled and to become members of God's people.

Crowds have not changed. They are still very much with us, still capable of carrying us away with their enthusiasm, still capable of irrational acts of violence. Our calling as disciples is to follow in the steps of Jesus, not taking on the mob in their moments of anger but discerning the individuals' need for healing and reconciliation. Such a response takes great courage and much patience. First of all we need to have a good sense of ourselves and our relationship with Christ. That will help create an independence of mind that will prevent us being sucked into the crowd's mood, a mood that may express itself in elation or anger but so often covers an underlying dejection and lack of self-esteem.

If the individuals who form the crowd need care, even more so do their victims, often the scapegoats who wander unknowingly to their fate. These too will need our attention and concern. There is something in the crowd that exposes our vulnerability and our darker side at the same time. It is this element Jesus discerns and sets out to heal. Our reaction, faced by the same phenomenon, may firstly be the very sensible one to keep out of the way. But each crowd is made up of individuals, and at some point they return to themselves. At that point we are invited to be of help, even if, like Jesus himself, we have suffered at their hands.

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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.

### **Little Bits of God**

This stunning mosaic artwork will be coming to our parish in July, to be situated in the Lady Chapel of St Michael's Church, open to the public 10.30am till 12.30pm Monday, Wednesday and Saturday and evening sessions 6pm till 8pm Wednesday and Friday. Two stewards will be on hand in the Church whilst open to visitors. Group bookings can be made outside these times via a dedicated email and google calendar, with this advance notice we can arrange stewards for the visiting groups and prepare tea/coffee if requested. We will be having a short meeting after Mass on Saturday evening if anyone would like to help/volunteer for upcoming events. For more information about Little Bits of God Mosaic visit [www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk)

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June from 9.00am we will be gathering at St Michael's Wombwell to do a few jobs, weeding, sweeping, litter picking, painting, making ready for the arrival

of the Mosaic on 1<sup>st</sup> July. If you could spare an hour your help would be much appreciated. Bring your own gloves etc. Some equipment will be available. Refreshments will be provided.

### **Agewell Table Top Sale**

Agewell are holding a table top sale on Wednesday 19th July at 1.30pm till 3pm. To book a table at a cost of £7 please telephone Agewell on 01226 750136 or 07518486822. Everyone is welcome to attend the table top sale.

### **Agewell Trip**

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

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

Thank you to all who have signed the list at Wombwell or been in touch to reserve a place. Including our pilgrim friends from Cudworth, we now have about 40 places filled, so still some available. Cost £20 adult/£10 child. Coach picks up at Wombwell 0730 and Goldthorpe 0745.

If you would like to join us, please sign the list by Saturday 24 June, or contact one of us by phone: Amanda Campbell (07505 408870), Theresa Swindells (07724 228327), Pam Kershaw (07867 505966). Thank you.

### **Day for Life**

This weekend there will be a second collection for Day for Life

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

The Bonus Ball last Saturday was number 3 Winners were D Carlin in St Helen's, and T McCoy in Sacred Heart, each winning £25.

### **CAFOD: Update on the conflict in Sudan**

Violent conflict continues in Sudan and thousands of people are running out of food, water and medicine. Working as part of the Caritas network, your previous donations to CAFOD are enabling our teams to provide practical help to families who have escaped to neighbouring countries, including South Sudan. Please join Pope Francis in praying for peace in Sudan. Find out more on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/sudan-conflict>

### **Urgent Appeal for Men's shoes.**

Refugees are in need of shoes, all sizes, good, usable condition please. Trainers, casual shoes, boots or sandals. Sorry we cannot take ladies or children shoes. Please leave in the porch of St Michael's Church. Thank you so much for your generosity. God bless you.

### **An Opportunity to Deepen Your Faith and Respond to Your Baptismal Calling.**

The diocese is looking for participants to join the Loyola University Certificate in Pastoral Ministry which begins in September. The customised certificate consists of ten six-week modules delivered in an online format allowing participants the freedom and flexibility of study in their own home. Participants need to be serious about their own faith development, willing to serve in the local church and have competent computer skills. There will be an informal hybrid meeting for anyone who would like more information at the Hallam Pastoral Centre on 4 July at 7:00 PM. To book a place or to find out more please email your details to [formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com)