

<p>Trinity Sunday First Reading Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9 Moses bows before the Lord, acknowledging the guilt of the people.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm Dan 3:52-56 To you glory and praise for evermore.</p> <p>Second Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Paul encourages us to be happy as we live in love and peace with God and each other.</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel John 3:16-18 God's love for the world is such that God's only Son was sent into the world so that through him the world might be saved.</p>
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Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	3 June	5.30pm	Kitty and Martin Hamstead Wedding Anniversary
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	4 June	9.00am	NO MASS
Sunday (St Helen's)	4 June	11.00am	NO MASS
Tuesday (St Helen's)	6 June	10.00am	NO MASS
Wednesday (St Michael's)	7 June	10.00am	NO MASS
Thursday (St Helen's)	8 June	10.00am	NO MASS
Friday (Sacred Heart)	9 June	10.00am	NO MASS
Saturday (St Michael's)	10 June	10.00am	NO MASS
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	10 June	5.30pm	Shaun Barrett RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	11 June	9.00am	NO MASS
Sunday (St Helen's)	11 June	11.00am	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

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday 4th June 2023

Sunday Year A

The Most Holy Trinity

Weekday Cycle II

"God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son."

The first human being in space, Yuri Gagarin in 1961, is supposed to have said that during his flight he looked and looked and did not see God. More recently, the James Webb Space Telescope has looked into the furthest reaches of the Universe. The distances and timescales involved are unimaginable. Our understanding of God, the creator, has to stretch to embrace them, but still we cannot see God. When young Billy was asked by his teacher what he was drawing, he answered, "God". "But nobody knows what God looks like," said the teacher. "They will when they see my drawing," Billy confidently asserted. Yet, despite the evidence of Gagarin, of the James Webb Space Telescope and of Billy, no description of God is sufficient.

Human beings have a need to explain the mysteries of life, and in every age, in every civilisation, learned and wise people have struggled to unravel these questions. Some have suggested that God is the source of life and of the whole of creation. Others deny this and say that everything stems from a coincidental coming together of prime matter which resulted in the Big Bang followed by the evolutionary process. Despite the efforts of scientists, philosophers and theologians, God is still a mystery.

Writing to the Romans, St Paul said that, although invisible, the everlasting power and deity of God are there for the mind to see in the things that God has made. We can know something about God through looking at the wonder of creation, but we still do not know God. We must wait for God to speak. This is precisely our faith, that the Lord revealed himself first to his chosen people, the people of Israel, as "a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness". Through the experience of the patriarchs, and of Moses and the prophets of the Old Testament, we come to know the God who is revealed as the Saviour of this people, called out of slavery into a new and everlasting covenant of love. Finally, the love and mercy of God are revealed in the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the eyes of our faith are opened, and we are able to see God.

The main objection to this understanding of a God of love is the pain and suffering

in this world. If God is all-powerful, if God is love, why do so many innocent people suffer, especially children? Why is there so much violence and oppression in the world? Why do rich people prosper, while those who are poor continue to lack even the basic needs?

This has been the problem taken up by many faithful people throughout the history of God's relationship with God's people. Sometimes they can take the blame on themselves, on their own infidelities. Sometimes they protest their innocence, but, in the end, the answer is to be found in the life and death of Jesus. God does not simply stand by and watch us suffering, God sends God's Son into the world so that through him the world might be saved, that those who believe might have eternal life. Jesus teaches us the way of self-sacrificing love and service of others, especially the little ones, those who are sick in body and spirit, outcasts. He does this not simply by his words, but by his actions. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. It is the love of Jesus revealed in his death on the cross and resurrection from the dead that brings about the forgiveness of our sins. It is love that reconciles us with God. It is love that reconciles us with each other. It is love that enables compassion and brings peace.

Today we are invited to celebrate the Lord who has revealed himself to us as God the Father, creator and source of all life; Jesus, the eternal Son of the Father, God's Word of love made visible; and the Holy Spirit of their love, who continues to live in the hearts of all who believe. We are set free. We are reconciled. We are destined for eternal life. We live now in the communion of God, the Holy Trinity, so that in our life of love and service of others, the face of Jesus, the image of God, may always be seen in our world. That's what God is like.

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

Booksale at Goldthorpe

Many thanks to those who organised and supported the recent booksale. £105 was raised, to be split between CAFOD and Parish funds. Thank you

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The Bonus Ball last Saturday was number 54. Winners were P Tomlinson in St Helen's, winning £25. There was no winner in Sacred Heart so it will be a rollover.

Marist Way and Rosary at Goldthorpe

The Rosary at Goldthorpe is every **Wednesday** at 1.3pm. The Rosary will be combined with the Marist Way once a month. The next Marist Meeting with Rosary is on Wednesday June 14th.

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)

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.

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

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. Please join us in the hall after vigil Mass each Saturday during June, for a cuppa and chat about the stewarding roles and be part of this wonderful experience. Volunteers for getting the Church ready for the visits are also needed. For more information about Little Bits of God Mosaic visit www.godwhospeaks.uk

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