

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First Reading Zechariah 9:9-10

The prophet visualises the Messiah arriving in Jerusalem and being presented to the crowds as their king – a humble king, seated on a donkey.

### Responsorial Psalm 144:1-2,11,13-14

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King

### Second Reading Romans 8:9. 11-13

Paul reminds the early Christians in Rome that God has filled them with the life-giving Spirit of Jesus.

## Gospel Acclamation

### Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

### Alleluia!

### Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

Throughout Matthew's Gospel Jesus teaches us that we show that we are true followers of his not so much by our words as by our deeds.

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



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Sunday Year A

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

*"Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest."*

## Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>8 July</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Shaun Barrett RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>9 July</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Jessie Turner RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (ST MICHAEL`S)*	<b>9 July</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	People of the Parish
Tuesday (St Michael`s)	11 July	10.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	12 July	10.00am	Shaun Barrett RIP
Thursday (St Michael`s)	13 July	10.00am	Audrey O`Neil RIP
Friday (Sacred Heart)	14 July	10.00am	
Saturday (St Michael`s)	15 July	10.00am	Ann Barrett RIP
<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>15 July</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Mr and Mrs Sebastian RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>16 July</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (ST MICHAEL`S)*	<b>16 July</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Elaine Coefield Illness

**\*SUNDAY MORNING MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT ST MICHAEL`S FOR**

**THE TIME BEING, UNTIL ST HELEN`S IS SAFE TO BE REOPENED\***

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

An elderly man loved to tell of his most embarrassing moment – how one morning he sent a squirt of hairspray over the few hairs he still had left. Then, a glance in the mirror, and he realised it wasn't a can of hairspray but of shaving foam that he had in his hand. His first reaction was a bemused smile; his second, a relieved murmur: "Thank goodness no one can see me now." I suspect we are all a bit like that: a deep-seated pride doesn't want us to let others see our stupidities and inadequacies, but above all our sinfulness.

If that's the way we sometimes feel, the readings today bring us good news. In the Gospel, it's as though the Lord is saying to us, "Whatever your worries and concerns, whatever your sins, don't be afraid; come as you are. I understand your fears, your anxieties, your weaknesses, your struggles, the things that get you down. I know your sins, too, but love you no less because of them."

In the first reading, we heard the prophet Zechariah reminding his people of the lesson they should have learned from all that they'd gone through since God rescued them from a life of slavery in Egypt long ago: money and fame, riches and prosperity are not necessarily a sign of God's favour. In fact, God has a special concern for those who are poor, for those facing difficulties, for those who feel that their only hope rests in the Lord. When the humble Messiah comes there will be none of the display that awaited a king in ancient times: no horses and chariots, no musical fanfares, no runner going ahead to announce the royal progress; instead, he will make his first public appearance before his people riding on a lowly donkey. And yet it is he, not one of the mighty kings of ancient history that were familiar to the people of Israel, whose kingdom of justice and peace will spread to the ends of the earth.

In the Gospel we meet the humble Messiah king. Jesus is praying, and we are able to eavesdrop on what he says. Five times over he addresses God as "Father" and rejoices in the unique bond that binds together God the Father and God the Son. In particular, he gives thanks that God the Father is revealed not to the learned and clever, those who know it all (or think they do), but rather to those who have the childlike attitude of knowing that they have need of the heavenly Father.

If you have that childlike attitude, Jesus says that if you turn to him you will find the deep-down peace you yearn for. In Jesus' time, it was customary to compare the Law of God to a yoke, the contraption a farmer used to bring the cattle safely home. Jesus says he is like a kind of yoke: a yoke, he explains, that is easy, a burden that is light to bear. The Greek word for "easy" can also mean "well-fitting". An animal would first be measured for its yoke and then brought back to make sure it fitted well. So Jesus says that his yoke fits well. It may feel like a burden at times; but even if it may appear heavy and demanding, it's made to measure, and with Jesus' help, he says, it will never be too much for us.

There is a sense of joy running through today's Mass. "Rejoice heart and soul... Shout with gladness." This is from the opening verse of the first reading; then, in the Gospel, it's a joyful prayer that Jesus raises to his Father. The greeting at every Mass, "The Lord be with you," is Jesus welcoming us into his presence; the bread and wine that will become his body and blood are a living icon of all that Jesus has done for us and an assurance that he will ease our burdens and make them light. Finally, the moment of Holy Communion is a moment when Jesus assures us that if we search for genuine, everlasting rest and joy, then we shall find them in him alone. We may make many embarrassing mistakes in life, but there could be no greater mistake than to imagine that anything less than God could ever bring us the joy and happiness for which God created us.

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### **Prayers for the Sick**

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Julia Hill, Christine and Bill Mays, Marie Bray (nee Walsh), Peter Gillott, Percy Winterton, Kath Hardy, Carole Dyson, Bernadette Hault, 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.

### **Second Collection for Sea Sunday 9th July.**

This is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in the second collection this weekend, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Goldthorpe**

Each Thursday evening at Sacred Heart in Goldthorpe, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between 7.00pm and 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome to come spend a little time in the presence of Our Blessed Lord.

### **Peter's Pence**

Thank you for your generous donations. The sum of £187.14 was raised.

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

The Bonus Ball last Saturday was number 34. There was no winner in Sacred Heart, so next week will be a rollover of £50.

The Bonus Ball in Hoyland is suspended until the church can be reopened.

### **Little Bits of God**

We welcome Bishop Ralph to our parish this Saturday for the Vigil Mass. He will bless the stunning mosaic artwork which is situated in the Lady Chapel of St Michael's Church. It will be 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. For more information about Little Bits of God Mosaic visit [www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk)

### **Hallam Bridge**

There are a few copies of Hallam Bridge, the latest news from Hallam Diocese, at the back of church. You will find a feature about the Little Bits of God on display at St. Michael's. The file will be available for everyone on the Diocese website: [hallam-diocese.com](http://hallam-diocese.com)

### **Padley Pilgrimage Sunday 9th July**

You still have time to attend the annual pilgrimage to Padley, taking place Sunday. Assemble at Grindleford Station at 3.00pm for procession to the Chapel. (There is a train from Sheffield at 2.14pm, arrives Grindleford 2.28pm.) Mass at 3.30pm honours the Padley Martyrs: Blessed Robert Ludlam and Blessed Nicholas Garlick.

### **St Wilfrid's Centre Events**

**SHEFFIELD FOLK CHORALE CONCERT - Mother of God Church, 260 Abbeydale Rd, Sheffield, Monday 17th July 7.00pm**

Tickets are £6, available from [www.stwilfridscentre.org](http://www.stwilfridscentre.org) or telephone 0114 2555720

### **Marist Way and Rosary at Goldthorpe**

The Rosary at Goldthorpe will be every **Wednesday** at 1.30pm. The Rosary will be followed by the Marist Way once a month. The next Marist Meeting with Rosary is on Wednesday July 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be no meeting in August.

### **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