

<p>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading Wisdom 12:13. 16-19 God, who is all-powerful, shows strength in gentle judgement.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm 85:5-6,9-10, 15-16 O Lord, you are good and forgiving.</p> <p>Second Reading Romans 8:26-27 God understands our weakness and the Spirit expresses our yearning.</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel Matthew 13:24-43 The world, God's field of wheat, is invaded with darnel weed. Let it grow till harvest time.</p>
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Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday 23rd July 2023

Sunday Year A

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

"Listen, anyone who has ears!"

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	22 July	5.30pm	Deceased Members of Barber and Biggin Families
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	23 July	9.00am	Private Intention
Sunday (ST MICHAEL`S)	23 July	11.00am	People of the Parish
Tuesday (ST Michael`s)	25 July	10.00am	NO MASS
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	26 July	2.00pm	Funeral service for Zbigniew Walerianowicz
Thursday (St Michael`s)	27 July	10.00am	NO MASS
Friday (Sacred Heart)	28 July	10.00am	NO MASS
Saturday (St Michael`s)	29 July	10.00am	NO MASS
Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	29 July	5.30pm	Karen Barber RIP, Barber, Holmes, Hyland, Davis and Hague Families RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	30 July	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (ST MICHAEL`S)	30 July	11.00am	Michael Tomlinson RIP

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

The city of Norwich, in the county of Norfolk, is the largest city in the East Anglia region of England. It's well known for its two cathedrals, Anglican and Catholic, and its mediaeval cobbled streets, as well as for its football team, known as "the Canaries" because of the colour of their shirts. But it's also known for Julian of Norwich, a woman who lived in the fourteenth century. Julian became an anchoress. Living her life alone in a cell attached to a church in the city, she devoted herself to prayer, meditation and study. It was as if she was dead to this world and alive completely to God. As such she was highly regarded by the people of the town, who valued her as a spiritual treasure and resource, to whom they would go for counsel and advice in the troubles of life.

The world of those days had many troubles to cope with. The Black Death had decimated the population. Wars were frequent and there was social turmoil all around. Julian had suffered her own bout of illness that had brought her to death's door, and it was her recovery from that illness that led to her subsequent life of prayer, lived faithfully in the midst of a busy town. Long after her death, her writings were discovered and published as the book *Revelations of Divine Love*, in which Julian has left us a deeply powerful teaching about God's love for us. In her own words she tells us, "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well."

Our world, like Julian's world, is full of woe. The airwaves are filled with noisy rancour and argument. Famine, drought and disease afflict people in many countries around the world. Climate change, and the environmental devastation that it can bring, is a growing threat. Wars continue and people struggle to live safe and secure lives. It is easy to lose heart, to give up the fight and to lose all hope for better days. At times it seems as if evil is all around us, and God does nothing. Such thoughts are very tempting. Indeed many people conclude that there can be no God if this is how the world is allowed to be.

Jesus must have been aware of thoughts and attitudes such as these. Why does such cruelty and injustice go unpunished? Today we hear a story that Jesus told, a parable, a picture to help us understand why the world is the way it is. A field of

wheat gently growing is damaged by the introduction and planting of darnel, which looks very much the same as wheat, but which is in fact poisonous. Shall we uproot it? No. Let things be till harvest time, and then all shall be put right. It is hard to be patient with the hurt and harm we see being done in our world. But we cannot mend this broken world ourselves, and violent force will not solve our problems. God is patient, which means God suffers, and that is the road we can follow.

In the teaching of Julian of Norwich we hear that the love of Jesus for us is as a mother's love. It is that tender, and that consoling, and that powerful. Love such as this, and only love such as this, can bring healing balm to our world. Love is the greatest healing power that we can know. It embraces us always and heals all our hurts. Such is the love of Jesus for us all. We see it displayed most powerfully in the arms of the Lord extended on the cross. This was the very vision that Julian saw in her own days of illness and near death. This is the message she gives for our salvation.

In 2010 Pope Benedict XVI devoted an audience talk to Julian of Norwich. In that talk he said the following: "Julian of Norwich understood the central message for spiritual life: God is love and it is only if one opens oneself to this love, totally and with total trust, and lets it become one's sole guide in life, that all things are transfigured, true peace and true joy are found and one is able to radiate it." Listen again to Julian today: "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well."

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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.

Requiescant in Pace

We pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Tomlinson who died recently. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

The Funeral Service for Zbigniew Walerianowicz will be held on Wednesday 26th July at 2.00pm in St. Michael's.

Fr Declan on Retreat

Please note that there will not be any weekday masses next week during Fr Declan's absence.

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.

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The Bonus Ball last Saturday was number 30. The winner in Sacred Heart was Hilary Bainbridge, winning £25. The Bonus Ball in Hoyland is suspended until the church can be reopened.

Little Bits of God

This stunning mosaic artwork, displayed in the Lady Chapel of St Michael's Church, is now open to the public, 10.30am till 12.30pm Monday, Wednesday and Saturday and evening sessions 6pm till 8pm Wednesday and Friday.

For more information about Little Bits of God Mosaic visit www.godwhospeaks.uk

Sunday Coffee Mornings and Children's Liturgy in Goldthorpe

Please note that there will be a summer break for both the Children's Liturgy and the coffee mornings, recommencing on Sunday 3rd September. Thank you.

Mass Offerings

There are plenty of Masses available for your intentions, especially for weekday masses. Please use one of the specially printed envelopes from the back of church.

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