

<p>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>First Reading Ezekiel 18:25-28 It is right that we receive the just rewards of our actions, good or evil.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm 24:4-9 Remember your mercy, Lord.</p> <p>Second Reading Philippians 2:1-11 In our minds we must be like Christ Jesus, who emptied himself that he might be raised by God in glory.</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.</p> <p>Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel Matthew 21:28-32 We receive the reward of true righteousness.</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 1st October 2023

Sunday Year A

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

"Which of the two did the father's will?"

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	30 Sept	5.30pm	Angela McNicholas RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	1 Oct	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen`s))	1 Oct	11.00am	Julia Kilroy RIP
Tuesday (St Helen`s)	3 Oct	10.00am	Philip Ward RIP
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	4 Oct	10.00am	Shaun Barrett RIP
Thursday (St Helen`s))	5 Oct	10.00am	Angus Callaghan RIP
Friday (Sacred Heart)	6 Oct	10.00am	Holy Souls
Saturday (St Michael`s)	7 Oct	10.00am	Bernard and Celia Thornton
Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	7 Oct	5.30pm	Shaun Barrett RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	8 Oct	9.00am	Christine and Catherine Haigh RIP
Sunday (St. Helen`s)	8 Oct	11.00am	People of the Parish

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

How often are we misled by talk or appearances? We have many proverbs that caution us against such susceptibility. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." "Handsome is as handsome does." Nevertheless, we are still easily hoodwinked by glossy presentation or weasel words. Sometimes the position of a person impresses us. Perhaps it is the need in us to be reassured, that uncertainty which asks a professional for honest advice when their main concern may be selling us something. There will always be someone only too willing to take advantage of our vulnerability, in any field. The difficulty today is that the skills of advertising have leapt from the marketplace to nearly every aspect of life. We are all asked to sell ourselves in some way, by which is usually meant that we are required to spend our energies more on the appearance of what we are offering than on its real content.

Too often there is a gap between the glossy presentation and the reality within. As we spend so much time on the appearance of what we are offering, we can lose sight of the actual content. We have a lovely brochure or website saying what sort of school, church, community we are. We may even convince ourselves of the truth of what we say. But the detached observer sees only too easily that the emperor is not wearing any clothes.

It is this sort of contradiction between word and action that Jesus identifies in the chief priests and elders. After arriving in Jerusalem he enters into debate with them about the genuine fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets. There is always a temptation for leaders to believe too much in their own authority. They tend to think that, because they have such an important position in society, what they say must be true. Jesus challenges such an assumption. There must always be a coherence between what we preach to others and what we do ourselves. John the Baptist had come, a pattern of righteousness, but the people who listened to him and accepted his message, changing their lives accordingly, had been the public sinners in society. The leaders and supposedly righteous people had refused to believe him, just as now they refused to believe Jesus and his message.

St Paul in his letter to the Philippians is aware of the same temptation. He tells his listeners that they must not be drawn into competition or conceit, for such attitudes breed dissent and disunity. Rather we are called to put other people's interests first. Our pattern is that of Christ Jesus, who cast off his appearance as equal to God and chose to assume the condition of a slave. This is a total reversal of the power game, but it is because of his self-emptying that Jesus is raised on high and given a name above all other names to the glory of God the Father.

How do we prevent ourselves being drawn into a world of false appearances? How do we ensure that we always practise what we preach? It is easy to start out with the best of intentions, but, as we have noted, the nature of our world is so shot through with the idea of selling ourselves that it can be difficult to pursue an alternative path.

It is as though Jesus recognises this difficulty by being so uncompromising in his own words and practice. His way of ensuring an integrity of word and deed is to empty himself of any claim to power or position. Elsewhere he will address the question of fancy titles. The only title he uses for himself is that of "Son of Man", and the only way of life he follows is that of a wandering preacher, with nowhere to lay his head. If we examine our own positions in life (and if we are honest in that examination) we will acknowledge just how much we are tempted to say one thing and do another, to use our own power or status to achieve our ends. When we empty ourselves of such trappings of power, we have no means of pretence any more. And, perhaps ironically, we now have a greater freedom to adhere to the truth, for we are no longer bound by the complex world of expectations that come from the world of propaganda. We are free to do what we say we will do.

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Christine Wall, Ethel O'Connor, Julia Hill, 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.

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.

Mission Boxes

Please bring in your Red Mission Boxes at your earliest convenience. If you are a UK Taxpayer, please consider using Gift Aid and make sure your name is on the box that you leave, or empty your own box and bring to church, making sure your name is on your donation. This allows the Missio Co-ordinator to log your donation and therefore claim the Gift Aid. Thank you for your support and for your continued prayers for missionaries around the world.

Marist Way and Rosary at Goldthorpe

The Rosary at Goldthorpe is every **Wednesday** at 1.30pm. The Rosary will be combined with the Marist Way once a month. The next Marist Meeting with Rosary is on Wednesday 11th October.

Home Mission Sunday

Thank you for your generous donations. The Parish raised £141.01

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal Friday 6th October

This year's Family Fast Day will next Friday, Envelopes for your donations are available in our churches. Please consider using the Gift Aid slip if you are a UK Taxpayer, thus enabling CAFOD to benefit further from your generous donations.

Little Bits of God

Bishop Ralph will be joining us at the Vigil mass this weekend as we say farewell to this wonderful artwork. There will be a small celebration in the parish hall after mass. Please come along.

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

There was yet again no winner in Goldthorpe for Saturday 16th so last weekend. the massive rollover of £75 was won by V Jeavons! Winners in Hoyland were A Callaghan (16th) and P O'Neill (23rd), each winning £25. Please see Pat Tomlinson if you are interested in joining the St. Helen's Bonus Ball.

Hallam Bridge

There are a few copies of Hallam Bridge, the news from Hallam Diocese, at the back of church.

The file is available for everyone on the Parish Facebook page or the Diocese website: hallam-diocese.com

October Children's Liturgy in Goldthorpe

For the month of October ONLY the Children's Liturgy at Goldthorpe will be the second Sunday of the month, so 8th October and not 1st October. Any child who has not yet made their First Holy Communion is very welcome to come and join us in the Parish Room - we look forward to seeing you all!

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