

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** Isaiah 5:1-7  
The vineyard of the Lord is loved and tended by God.

**Responsorial Psalm** 79:9,12-16,19-20  
The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

**Second Reading** Philippians 4:6-9  
The God of peace will be with those who are virtuous and who fill their minds with all that is good and pure.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Matthew 21:33-43  
In this parable, a landowner leases his vineyard to tenants, but when he sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest owed to him they are beaten and killed. When the landowner sends his son, he too is killed.

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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

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

*"Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"*

## Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>7 Oct</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Shaun Barrett RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>8 Oct</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Christine and Catherine Haigh RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen`s))	<b>8 Oct</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	People of the Parish
Tuesday (St Helen`s)	10 Oct	10.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday (St Michael`s )	11 Oct	10.00am	Shaun Barrett RIP
Thursday (St Helen`s))	12 Oct	10.00am	Barry, Phil and Christine Cooper RIP
Friday (Sacred Heart)	13 Oct	10.00am	Christine Wall RIP
Saturday (St Michael`s)	14 Oct	10.00am	Keira, Illness
<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>14Oct</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Brian Barrett RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>15 Oct</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (St. Helen`s)	<b>15 Oct</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Phil Ward RIP

**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 next Marist Meeting with Rosary is on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

Rodne Galicha is a Filipino Catholic environmental and human rights defender. He has campaigned against the destructive activities of large mining companies in key biodiversity areas in the Philippines, including critical watersheds, agricultural areas, tourism sites and island ecosystems. Fifteen years ago, when a passenger ship carrying toxic materials sank near his home island of Sibuyan, Rodne criticised contamination of the island with chemicals and fuel "affecting the life and livelihood of our people who depend mainly on the abundance of the sea". He has spent much of his life responding to "the cry of the Earth and the cry of the Poor", as Pope Francis put it in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*. In 2018, Rodne successfully campaigned against the construction of a road through Mount Guiting-Guiting Natural Park, fearing the huge project would damage the mountain, listed as a protected area. Last November he attended the United Nations climate talks in Egypt, calling on world leaders to take more serious action on climate change, which is causing ever more severe weather in the Philippines.

Rodne's engaging smile belies that the Philippines is regularly named the deadliest country for environmental defenders in Asia. Nineteen environmentalists were killed in 2021. Despite knowing some of those killed, Rodne refuses to yield to the threats and dangers. He says: "The risks involved in this advocacy are inevitable. Being an environment advocate is a lifelong commitment. We are all called to discover for ourselves the amazing link of our lives to nature."

Today's Gospel parable tells of a practice that was commonplace in the first century: for a wealthy investor to buy property for a farm or vineyard and then leave it in the care of tenants. At harvest time, the owner would send someone to collect their portion of the proceeds. In the parable, the behaviour of the tenants in the vineyard is far from the expectations of the master of the vineyard. It echoes the first reading, in which the vineyard owner "expected the vineyard to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave". The tenants refused to give the landowner what was due, and killed the servants he sent. He then sent his son. But the tenants, believing that they would inherit the vineyard if the landowner died without

an heir, also killed the landowner's son. Jesus asks those listening to this parable what they think the landowner will do to those tenants.

The chief priests and elders who had questioned Jesus' authority wanted to persecute Jesus for telling this story, because they felt that Jesus was talking about them. They understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner God, and the son Jesus. Were they the wicked tenants? But today this parable is often linked to the current environmental crisis. Thus, we can see the landowner as God, those who destroy the earth as the greedy tenants, and environmental defenders as those who are killed for their mission of trying to protect God's creation.

Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* emphasised in 2015 that the world is not ours but God's, who graciously entrusts the vineyard of the world to our care. But too many of us focus on our own gain and treat God's world as a commodity to be exploited without thought to the future. We see landscapes mined for destruction, water sources poisoned and other species driven to extinction. Isaiah's words in the first reading say: "He expected justice, but found bloodshed; integrity, but only a cry of distress." In so many parts of the world, we see the relevance of those words. Over the centuries, how many prophets in our Christian communities have been rejected, abused and even killed? Who are the greedy tenants in today's world, destroying God's creation and its defenders?

The parable suggests that each of us is responsible for a portion of the "vineyard". Have we provided shelter to those who are homeless, and fed those who are hungry? Have we provided a means of livelihood for those who have no means of living? Have we been responsible stewards of the natural world? These are questions that we should ponder. God gives us everything we need to make our vineyard flourish. We can manage the vineyard as we choose – but we do not own it. Let us be "good tenants" and do all we can to repair the damage done to the vineyard, which is our common home. What fruits will we produce for the Lord?

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### **Prayers for the Sick**

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Msgr. Peter Kirkham, Christine Wall, Ethel O'Connor, Julia Hill, Christine and Bill Mays, Marie Bray (nee Walsh), 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.

### **Requiescat in Pace**

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

### **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.

### **World Mission Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

There will be a second collection next Sunday for World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need. Remember, if you have a Red Mission Box, now is the time to empty it. For more information, visit the website at [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk).

### **CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

Please return your envelopes as soon as you can. 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 donations.

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

The winning number was 52. There was no winner in Goldthorpe so it will be a rollover next week. The winner in Hoyland was R Craven, winning £25.

### **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](http://hallam-diocese.com)

### **Craft Group Animals and Dolls**

The Corpus Christi Craft Group have been busy knitting beautiful animals and dolls to raise funds for the Parish. The animals are £20 and the dolls are £15 and can be adapted to your preferences or colours. With Christmas just around the corner they make lovely presents for young and old, but please ensure you order before the end of October. There is an order list and also photographs of some of the items at the back of church. For further information or if you would like to have a look at them please contact Anne Barry at [anniebarry83@gmail.com](mailto:anniebarry83@gmail.com).

The Craft Group meet once a fortnight on Thursday morning in the Parish rooms at Wombwell from 10.00am until 12.30pm. The next meeting will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> October. All are welcome, and please feel free to come to knit, sew, crochet, learn new skills and enjoy a natter with a cup of tea or coffee.

### **Marist Pilgrimage - photographs**

All of the 70 photos taken on the day are now available to view and download free on the website below.

<https://clientarea.keithosbornphotography.co.uk/?Action=VC&id=385627495>, and when prompted for the Access Code it is maristday.

Amanda Campbell can print them for you if required, at a small cost.

### **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