

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** Jonah 3:1-5. 10  
Jonah calls the people of Nineveh to repentance. They hear his call and return to the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** 24:4-9  
Lord, make me know your ways.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Life is short. Do not waste it on passing things.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the Good News.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel.** Mark 1:14-20

Jesus calls Peter, Andrew, James and John to follow him.

## Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday Year B

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

*"Follow me."*

### Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>20 Jan</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>21 Jan</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Irving and Stella Bennett RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen`s)	<b>21 Jan</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Annie Elizabeth O`Donovan RIP
Tuesday (St Helen`s)	23 Jan	10.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	<b>24 Jan</b>	10.00am	Steve Owen RIP
Thursday (St Helen`s)	25 Jan	10.00am	Kath Hardy RIP
Friday (Sacred Heart)	<b>26 Jan</b>	10.00am	Ethel O`Connor RIP
<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>27 Jan</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>28 Jan</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Barrett and Priestley Families
<b>Sunday</b> (St. Helen`s)	<b>28 Jan</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Andrew J Marren 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  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Goldthorpe** each Thursday 7.00-8.00pmF

In 2006 Qusay Hussein, an Iraqi man from Mosul (Nineveh of the Old Testament), was playing a game of volleyball, cheered on by his family and friends, when a suicide bomb exploded near him, taking away his sight, half his face and nearly his life. Given a second chance at life and speaking of his experience many years later, Qusay said: "I live in Austin (Texas) now. I've been here almost seven years, and soon I'll have completed my degree at the University of Texas. I'm a refugee, a product of war, but in many ways I feel lucky. Not only am I still here, but I've started a new life doing things I could never have imagined. I'm hopeful about the future. If what I've been through has taught me anything, it is that you should take every opportunity that comes." Today's readings speak of taking opportunities, of being given a second chance and of the invitation to live our Christian faith in new and life-changing ways.

By the time Jonah has the word of God addressed to him "a second time", he has already been seen as the cause of a storm at sea, thrown overboard and swallowed by a big fish – all in his efforts to escape from the God of Israel. Seeing what befell him because of his lack of obedience to God's will, Jonah takes this "second chance". In doing so, he brings salvation to the people of Nineveh. His message is urgent: there are, Jonah tells the people of Nineveh, only forty days left before their city will be destroyed.

In our second reading, Paul reminds the people of Corinth "time is growing short". Paul's language is dramatic and can even appear cruel and outrageous, especially when he suggests that those who have wives should live as though they had none; and those who are mourning should live as though they had nothing for which they should mourn. This dramatic language is because Paul felt the second coming of Christ was imminent and he wanted to shock his fellow Christians into following a more Gospel way of life.

The call to Simon, Andrew, James and John and their response is no less striking. They are going about their ordinary work, casting their nets into the lake, or, in the case of James and John mending their nets in preparation for fishing. Jesus calls

his new disciples to believe in the Good News. In fact, Jesus is the Good News, and he is calling them and us to believe in him and all that his kingdom stands for. Like Jonah and Paul, the disciples leave all to follow Jesus. Jesus then gives them their new responsibility, to become fishers of men. They are to proclaim the Good News of God's kingdom of love, justice and peace to those they meet on their journey of life, calling others to follow Jesus just as they have. From mending nets, they will now follow Christ mending broken hearts and bodies and restoring others to the fullness of life. They are given new opportunities to teach, to heal, to hear God's word, firstly in their own hearts and then in the hearts and on the lips of those they serve. Answering Jesus' call literally turned their lives upside down.

As was true in the life of the disciples, Jesus comes to each one of us in our ordinary lives. If, as St Paul says in today's reading, we are "engrossed in the world", we can be blinded to Christ's presence in the day-to-day events of our lives. We will miss the opportunity to follow Jesus, to be bearers of the Good News for those around us and to live our Christian lives fruitfully and faithfully. Our God is a God of "second chances" and of endless opportunity. Like ourselves, neither Paul nor the disciples were perfect, but they were all offered the opportunity to follow Jesus and some were even given a second chance to understand his mission and message. This can reassure us that, should we fail, God is waiting to offer us another opportunity, to offer us forgiveness and healing and a return to his loving embrace.

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### **Prayers for the Sick**

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Fr Carl Schaefer, Paul Goddard, Margaret Thornton, Julia Hill, Christine and Bill Mays, Marie Bray (nee Walsh), Percy Winterton, Carole Dyson, Bernadette Houl, 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.

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

#### **Rosary at Goldthorpe**

The Rosary at Goldthorpe is each **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 7<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Churches Together in Hoyland & District are hosting a Service of Worship for Christian Unity on Sunday 21st January at 3.15pm in St Peter's Church, Hoyland. Everyone is welcome.

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

The winning number was 7. The winners were P Goddard in Goldthorpe and D Smith in Hoyland, each winning £25.

Spare numbers are available in Hoyland. Please see Pat Tomlinson if you would like a number and give yourself a chance to win £25!

### **Tea and Coffee at Goldthorpe**

We all enjoy the refreshments at Goldthorpe after mass on Sundays, and would like to invite more parishioners to be part of the Team providing these - on a Rota basis - from mid-January. The suggestion is 2 or 3 people taking on a month at a time.

Please speak to Margaret or Eddie Goddard, Maureen Greaves or Amanda Campbell if you would like to know more and to be involved. Thank you.

### **St. Vincent De Paul Society in the Dearne Valley.**

The SVP would like to thank all parishioners for their generous continued support. In the last twelve months we have supported many housebound parishioners with visits and telephone calls. Additionally, we have assisted a growing number of needy families, those without permanent homes, the asylum seekers & refugee families in Hallam, God bless you all. Yours in St Vincent's name.

If you would like to volunteer or help the SVP in the future, please speak with a Vincentian.

Corpus Christi Parish SVP contact is Liz Salmon.

### **Catholic Association for Racial Justice Second Collection 28<sup>th</sup> Jan**

In our task, as disciples of Christ, our responsibility is to make sure people are treated with dignity at work and are not exploited. Migrant communities and those suffering from racial abuse are particularly vulnerable to being drawn into unjust working conditions and labour exploitation. Funds raised from next week's second collection will be used for promoting racial justice in England and Wales. You can find more about their good works by visiting <https://www.carj.org.uk>

### **Mass Offerings**

Please be aware that there is a backlog of Mass requests for the weekend Masses in our three churches and whilst every effort is made to accommodate your wishes it is not always possible for your Mass request to be on your chosen day. Your request will be honoured but it may be on a later date. Please consider weekday Masses as well as weekend Masses for your requests. Thank you for your patience.

### **Confirmation 2024**

The Confirmation programme for 2024 will commence on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30-8.00pm at Holy Rood Parish Hall. Parents are asked to attend the first session and to provide a copy of their child's baptismal certificate. Please see Fr Declan for more information.

### **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