

2nd Sunday of Lent

First Reading Genesis 22:1-2,9-13, 15-18
Abraham is willing to offer his only son to God, but God spares him.

Responsorial Psalm 115:10, 15-19
I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second Reading Romans 8:31-34
Since God gave up his only Son for love of us, what else will he not do?

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 9:2-10
Transfigured with heavenly light, Jesus reveals his divinity to the disciples.

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

Second Sunday of Lent

Weekday Cycle II

"There in their presence he was transfigured."

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	24 Feb	5.30pm	Peter Durkan RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	25 Feb	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen`s)	25 Feb	11.00am	Kath Hardy RIP
Tuesday (St Helen`s)	27 Feb	10.00am	Deceased Members of the Callaghan Family
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	28 Feb	10.00am	Terry Mullins RIP
Thursday (St Helen`s)	29 Feb	10.00am	Peter Gilmartin RIP
Friday (Sacred Heart)	1 Mar	10.00am	Shaun Barrett RIP
Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	2 Mar	5.30pm	Jack and Vera O`Connell RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	3 Mar	9.00am	Margaret Bennett RIP
Sunday (St. Helen`s)	3 Mar	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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Goldthorpe each Thursday 7.00-8.00pm

Have you ever spent ages trying to figure something out, only to have a flash of inspiration just when you have forgotten all about it? Some people call it "a lightbulb moment". Often it happens when we least expect because lightbulb moments come from the unconscious mind. We cannot bring them on, but we can welcome them all the same. Sudden clarity may lead to a burst of energy or renewed sense of purpose.

The eighteenth-century British engineer James Brindley often had to rely upon inspiration. He was the first of the great canal-builders, pioneering techniques that had never been attempted before. Whenever Brindley met with a problem, he would take to his bed until a solution sprang to mind! One of his lightbulb moments was a simple but brilliant idea called "contouring". Building canals through hillsides involved earth-moving on a massive scale. It suddenly occurred to him... why cut through the hill when you can go round it?

Lightbulb moments are not confined to engineering. It is possible to have a lightbulb moment about a person. We may suddenly see someone "in a new light", as they say. It is not that *they* have changed in any way. More likely, *we* have by spending more time with them, or listening more attentively to what they are saying.

Peter, James and John saw Jesus in a new light, literally so, when they accompanied him onto the Mount of Transfiguration. Mountaintops in the Bible are places of revelation; of encounter with God. It was on a mountain that Elijah called down fire from heaven; on a mountain that Moses received the Commandments. Coming down from the mountaintop, the face of Moses shone.

People had been speculating whether Jesus might be another Moses... or Elijah ... or even John the Baptist come back to life. The disciples were unsure. Their confidence in Jesus had been shaken recently. His earlier popularity seemed to be waning, and he kept talking about suffering and death. Then, suddenly, here on the mountain, they saw him speaking with Moses and Elijah. He was radiant with light. It was wonderful for their Master to be in such company. Peter even offered to build shelters, assuming the prophets to have come back to life.

It was then that the realisation struck. Jesus' dazzling appearance was not reflected glory coming from Moses or Elijah: the light was coming *out of him* through the weave of his clothing! If they had had any doubts about whether Jesus ranked alongside these greatest of prophets, those doubts were now banished! Jesus was far greater: he was divine! Wonder turned to terror as the disciples found themselves enveloped in the bright cloud of God's presence and heard the Father's voice bestowing upon their Master a unique authority: "This is my beloved Son, listen to him!" By this time, Moses and Elijah had faded from view. It was hardly surprising... the disciples had eyes for no one but Jesus.

The mountaintop can be a metaphor for any transitional space where things... or people... are seen from a new perspective. We do not have to climb mountains for this to happen. A time of prayerful meditation can offer such a space. This Lent, we may like to spend time alone with Jesus, just as Peter, James and John did, listening to him as our heavenly Father bids us. The thought may not appeal to everyone. Some might even share the disciples' terror, for the voice of Jesus can be a challenging one, urging us to forgive and pray for our enemies. It commands us to love, and there may be something inside us that resists. Rather than build Jesus a shelter, some might prefer something more robust: to keep him safely contained!

However, it is not possible to compartmentalise our lives. The bright cloud of God's glory reaches out to wherever we may be. Today's Gospel describes how heaven keeps spilling over into our world. In revealing Jesus in his divinity, it calls us, too, to be holy as well as human. We are all sons and daughters of God, all beloved, and though we may pass unnoticed in a crowd, there is in each one of us a little of the glory seen in Jesus. There will be moments when other people notice something different about us; moments, too, when we become suddenly aware that the person next to us is more special than we thought. It all depends how much we let them shine!

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Owen Jenkinson, Tony Wood, Mary Smith, Fr Carl Schaefer, Paul Goddard, Julia Hill, Christine and Bill Mays, Percy Winterton, 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, Matthew Deakin, Margaret Booker, Michael Foy, Shirley Broadhead, Norah Preuss.

Requiescant in Pace

We pray for the soul of Margaret Thornton and Bridget Wallden-Jones (nee Dempsey) who both died recently. Please keep their families and friends in your prayers.

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The winning number was 43. The winners were P O'Hanlon in Goldthorpe and M Harrison in Hoyland, each winning £25.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross continues throughout Lent on Wednesdays at Goldthorpe at 2pm (after Rosary). All welcome.

There will also be Stations of the Cross at the Anglican church of St John and St Mary Magdalene, Lockwood Road, Goldthorpe, at 6.00pm each Friday evening during Lent. All are welcome.

`My Day by Day` Lent 2024

These popular little booklets are available for you from the back of church. There is also a version for children. They are free for each household but if you wish to make a small donation please do so by using the Repository boxes in church.

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CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday, 23rd February

Envelopes are available for your donations from the back of church. Alternatively you can give online at cafod.org.uk Please consider using the Gift Aid slip if you are a UK Taxpayer, thus enabling CAFOD to benefit further from your generous donations.

Children`s Liturgy at Goldthorpe

We have our next Children's Liturgy during mass on Sunday 3rd March. Any children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion are very welcome to come and join us. Thank you - Maureen Greaves and Amanda Campbell

World Day of Prayer – Friday 1st March

The local WDP service for Goldthorpe will be held at St Peter's Church Barnburgh at 2pm on Friday 1st March. The theme of the service, prepared by the women of Palestine, is 'I beg you, bear with one another in love'. All are welcome. (219 bus (destination Doncaster) leaves Goldthorpe Asda bus stop at 1351. Takes about 5 mins to reach Barnburgh.)

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
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