

Easter Sunday	Gospel Acclamation
First Reading Acts 10:34.37-43 God does not have favourites: the resurrection is for everyone.	Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then in the Lord.
Responsorial Psalm 117:1-2,16-17,22-23 This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.	Alleluia!
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 Leave your old ways behind and embrace the Gospel.	Gospel John 20:1-9 Jesus has risen from the dead – nothing will ever be the same again.

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Easter Vigil (St Michael`s)	30 Mar	7.00pm	People of the Parish
Easter Sunday (Sacred Heart)	31 Mar	9.00am	Dennis Turner RIP
Easter Sunday (St Helen`s)	31 Mar	11.00am	Bridget Wallden-Jones (nee Dempsey) RIP
Tuesday (St Helen`s)	2 April		
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	3 April		
Thursday (St Michael`s)	4 April		
Friday (Sacred Heart)	5 April		
Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	6 April	5.30pm	Intentions of Yvonne Durkan
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	7 April	9.00am	Christine and Catherine Haigh RIP
Sunday (St. Helen`s)	7 April	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

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO WEEKDAY MASSES FOR THE TIME BEING

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

Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday)

Weekday Cycle II

"The stone had been moved away from the tomb."

Most of us will have experienced some kind of disappointment, pain or failure – it is part of life and cannot be avoided. For some this will be the loss of a loved one, or the break-up of a marriage. For others it might be persistent ill health, a job they don't enjoy or financial hardship. Some may perhaps feel that life has been a disappointment, a series of small, exhausting setbacks and broken dreams. We all have our own crosses to bear. For the disciples, the crucifixion and death of Jesus on Good Friday must have signalled the ultimate dashing of all their hopes and dreams. They had seen him as the Messiah, the anointed one, the one who was to save them... and now he was gone.

But everything changed when Christ rose from the dead on that first Easter Day – nothing would ever be the same again. Without the resurrection the Jesus story would have been an interesting footnote in history – a miracle worker, a holy man, remembered with fondness and a little disappointment by his friends. As each of the apostles passed away, the memories would have dimmed and the "Jesus Movement" would probably have withered away, a few stories passed on to grandchildren perhaps and then nothing left but folklore – and then nothing. The resurrection means that we can say "Jesus is alive!" in the present tense. He has conquered death, not just for himself, but for all peoples and all times. It enables us to say "He lives among us", not a figure from history, but as a living presence – in the present. The risen Christ transcends time and space – he is available everywhere to everybody.

For the disciples, the resurrection meant that Jesus had fulfilled the promise he had made to them. He truly was the Son of God. He appeared to them in various places in the days that followed, enabling Thomas the "doubting disciple" to proclaim, "My Lord and my God!" More than just an ordinary man, the Word made flesh, the risen Lord, was ready to fill his followers with his Holy Spirit so that the Christian Church could begin and then spread to every corner of the globe. However, the cross and resurrection of Jesus are not historical events to be pondered from afar – they reflect our own lived experience, our own falling and rising. Here we find hope, that the personal darkness we often experience will

eventually be followed by the morning light. Here is proof that God's grace can lift us out of every situation, no matter how desperate and hopeless it might appear: hence the phrase "We are an Easter people". Despite all our failings and flaws, we live with the hope of something better, knowing that good will always triumph over evil. St Paul puts it like this: "you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God." When we die to our own ego and selfishness then we can share in this life of Christ, we become part of him, and he lives in us.

For many Christians the resurrection is significant because it signals that there is life for us too, after our own physical death. But this is to only grasp the half of it. The resurrection is something for us to experience in every moment whilst we still live! We share in the resurrection whenever we share the love and joy of God with each other. Look carefully in the days and weeks ahead and you will see the risen Christ in those you meet. God comes to us disguised as our lives. How could it be otherwise? We love God by taking care of and loving each other and the world in which we live. And God looks through our eyes when we love each other, transforming every human act of love into a divine act of love.

Jesus is raised from the dead whenever we choose to act with kindness and compassion. We bring Jesus to life by our daily attempts to faithfully live out the gospel, by what we do, and how we treat one another. We can mend a broken world: we can become Christ for each other. *Our* stone has been rolled away, *our* hopes for the future have been rekindled, our winter has become our spring, Christ's rising is *our* rising. Happy Easter!

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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 Hoults, 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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:-Friday 28th June – 4th July 2024

Have you considered travelling on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in this Year of Prayer? All are very welcome to join Bishop Ralph, clergy and parishioners from around the diocese on the 2024 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The organisers ask anyone who is interested to send their Booking Forms in as soon as possible so that plans can be made. Any outstanding information can follow later. Booking forms available to download at www.hallam-lourdes.com. Enquiries **01302 247910 or 07724 650066**. Fare **£879pp - 6 nights Full Board** (excl. Ins.) flying from Leeds Bradford Airport direct to Lourdes.

Hallam Bridge

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

The file will be available for everyone on the Diocese website: hallam-diocese.com

Easter Offerings

Your offerings on Easter Sunday are for our parish priest. Thank you

Children`s Liturgy at Goldthorpe

The next Children's Liturgy at Goldthorpe will be on Sunday 14 April. Any children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion are very welcome to come along. As we now have so many children involved - which is wonderful news for our parish - we will be dividing into 2 groups. Children 6-8 will be with Maureen in the kitchen part of the Parish Rooms, and children 3-5 will be with Amanda in the main Parish Room. Any parents who would like to come into the session with the younger children are very welcome, we have learned this is the Practice followed at the Cathedral. Thank you - Maureen and Amanda.

Knights of St Columba Easter Egg Appeal.

Thank you for all your donations following the Easter Egg appeal for children who have had to spend Easter in hospital.

Diocesan Annual Appeal for LIFE

Thank you for your donations to LIFE. The sum of £128.42 has been forwarded to LIFE following the appeal.

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The winning number was 28. The lucky winner was M Smith in Hoyland, winning £25. The winner in Goldthorpe was M Walton, winning the rollover of £50.

Volunteers needed – St Gerards and Immaculate Conception, Rotherham

Would you like to be involved in a group for parents/ carers and children under 5? Caritas Diocese of Hallam needs volunteers to help establish a 'Musical Tots' group to take place at Immaculate Conception Church Hall and St Gerard's Parish Room. This will be a fun group where children can enjoy music and playing instruments, we will also serve some healthy snacks and refreshments. No experience needed!

For more information please contact Janet Kent 07927657462 jkent@hallam-diocese.com

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
O Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help	Pray for us