

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>
<b>First Reading</b> Acts 4:32-35 The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power.	<b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b> Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' <b>Alleluia!</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> 117:2-4,13-15,22-24 Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end	<b>Gospel</b> John 20:19-31 Jesus said to Thomas, "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."
<b>Second Reading</b> 1 John 5:1-6 We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us.	

## Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Sunday Year B

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Weekday Cycle II

*"Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."*

### Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday Easter Vigil</b> (St Michael's)	<b>6 April</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Intentions of Yvonne Durkan
<b>Easter Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>7 April</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Christine and Catherine Haigh RIP
<b>Easter Sunday</b> (St Helen's)	<b>7 April</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	People of the Parish
Tuesday (St Helen's)	9 April	10.00am	Peter Gilmartin RIP
Wednesday (St Michael's)	10 April	10.00am	Terry Mullins RIP
Thursday (St Michael's)	11 April	10.00am	Marie Bray RIP
Friday (Sacred Heart)	12 April	10.00am	Patrick Anthony (Tony) Walsh RIP
<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael's)	<b>13 April</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Shaun Barrett RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>14 April</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Christine and Catherine Haigh RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St. Helen's)	<b>14 April</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	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.

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

### Marist Way and Rosary at Goldthorpe

The Rosary at Goldthorpe will be 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 10<sup>th</sup> April.

A young woman, who looked very emaciated, sat every morning at the lamppost outside Warren Street tube station in London. She begged for a few coins in an old, rather battered, McDonald's cup. Wrapped up in an old blanket, she endured the cruel, cold wind which blew strongly between the tall buildings. Further down Tottenham Court Road, sleepers woke up from their restless sleep and stirred in their grubby sleeping bags with a few pieces of cardboard as their mattresses. Here and there, some had small tents which had been erected next to the shops to gain heat from the ventilation ducts.

Most people walked by the woman; some placed a few coins in her cup. Most days, James also passed by, not offering her any money, thinking that it would be misused, likely to be spent on alcohol or drugs. One day he gave her one pound. A few days later he did the same again and she asked, "Can you buy me a cup of coffee please?" Stirred by her pathetic face and her pleading question, he said "yes" and went into McDonald's. Not having visited McDonald's for years, he was now confronted with screens for placing an order and little human contact. Negotiating this, he walked out and gave the coffee to the young woman. "What is your name?", he asked. "Tina", she replied. The woman by the lamppost was afterwards always "Tina" and not just another anonymous face. He began to think more about her. The pattern repeated a few times and then she disappeared. He wondered, "What happened to Tina, is she dead or alive?"

Thomas struggled to believe in Jesus, risen from the dead and the new life which he offered him. But Thomas' doubt was even stronger, he was stubborn, he and said, "Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my fingers in the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe". He made demands of Jesus and the other apostles. Thomas was arrogant. It must have been a struggle to stay with those who believed and were full of joy. Now he found himself on the margins.

God relentlessly pursues those who try to escape from him, never abandoning them, and protecting them unceasingly under the shade of his outstretched hand. The risen Jesus seeks Thomas out to speak to him and prove that he is risen from the dead. He

appears to Thomas and invites him to do exactly what he has demanded. Thomas touches the wounds of the risen Jesus and says, "My Lord and my God". He believes. We belong to the Body of Christ through baptism. This is not an abstract reality but real, earthy, and fleshy. We meet Christ when we love our brothers and sisters as neighbours. St Francis of Assisi, leaving his rich life behind, despised lepers in general. But when he kissed one leper whom he met on the road to Assisi, his bitterness was changed to sweetness. St Francis recognised him as having the same dignity as one of God's children.

We do not see the risen Christ directly like Thomas and the others to whom he appeared for forty days. Rather we meet the risen Christ through prayer, his Word, the sacraments, and other people. We walk by faith and not by sight. We rejoice in being those people of whom Jesus says, "Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

James meeting Tina, buying her a cup of coffee, knowing her name, was a meeting with Christ. It deepened his faith. He began to understand more deeply the meaning of Christ's Body on earth. This meeting began to build a relationship between two people, between whom there had existed a great gulf.

Actions speak louder than words. Many people find Christian outreach to the poor and the vulnerable, to the hungry and the needy, credible as a witness to the Gospel of Christ. This is the reason why St Francis of Assisi is loved by many people. Whilst not everyone is called to his radical way of life, we must each ask how we can live more simply and more generously towards others.

Just as the apostles testified to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power and were given great respect, so this parish community witnesses to the power of belief in Christ by touching the wounds of Christ in our own here and now.

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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 Houlton, 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.

**First Holy Communion Programme 2024** The next meeting will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April from 6.00pm to 7.15pm in St Michael's Church Hall and is for children and parents.

**Confirmation Programme 2024** The next meeting will be on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 6.30-8.00pm in the Parish Hall, Holy Rood.

**Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland** The winning number was 17. The lucky winners were S Marren in Hoyland and M Bennett in Goldthorpe, each winning £25.

**Hallam Bridge** There are a few copies, the news from Hallam Diocese, at the back of church. Also on the Diocese website: [hallam-diocese.com](http://hallam-diocese.com)

**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.

## Holy Places in Palestine

Thank you for your generosity for Good Friday's collection. The sum of £134.58 was collected.

## Children's Liturgy at Goldthorpe

The next Children's Liturgy at Goldthorpe will be on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Annual Mission Appeal for the Missionary Society of St Paul (MSP)

Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Ogunnaike, MSP of the Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP) will make a Mission Appeal at all the Masses on the weekend of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of April. The MSP is a religious congregation working in different parts of the world, committed to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and the salvific work of God the Father in the Holy Spirit. The MSP invites you to support their mission appeal. There will be a retiring collection at all the Masses, or you can use your smartphone to donate using the QR code below.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Mass 5.30pm 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at St Michael's, Wombwell.

Help needed with Tea and Coffee after Mass on 18<sup>th</sup> May. 2 or 3 volunteers to help with serving, setting up tables and washing up please.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Mass and Celebration Party 5.30pm 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at St Michael's, Wombwell.

Bakers needed for our 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Breakfast. Sweet cakes, Buns, Tray Bakes. Donations of Cakes/Buns can be dropped off at 4pm on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

***There is a list for Volunteers at the back of each Church. Any help gratefully appreciated. Many Hands Make Light Work!***

## 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