

4th Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts: 4:8-12

Peter publicly and courageously proclaims that it is only in the name of Jesus that anyone can be saved.

Responsorial Psalm 117:1.8-9,21-23, 26, 28-29

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Second Reading 1 John: 3:1-2

John promises that although God has already lavished incredible love upon us by transforming us into children of God, the best is yet to come.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 10:11-18

Jesus calls himself a “good” shepherd because he freely lays down his life for his sheep, because he “knows” his sheep in the rich scriptural sense of living in intimate union with them and because he shares his life with them, as the Son shares life with the Father.

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



PARISH PRIEST: Fr Declan Brett.

23 Park Street, Wombwell Barnsley, S73 0HQ
01226 752372

email: parishofcorpuschristi@gmail.com

Website: <https://corpuschristi.hallam-diocese.com>

Facebook: Corpus Christi Dearne Valley

Parish Safeguarding Representative:

Sheila Marren 07932 722188

Roman Catholic Diocese of Hallam Trust • Registered Charity Number 512021

Sunday 21st April 2024

Sunday Year B

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Weekday Cycle II

“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.”

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	20 April	5.30pm	Audrey Salmon 90 th Birthday
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	21 April	9.00am	Ethel O`Connor RIP
Sunday (St Helen`s)	21 April	11.00am	People of the Parish
Tuesday (St Helen`s)	23 April	10.00am	Donald Bedford RIP
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	24 April	10.00am	Michaelangelo Mongan RIP
Thursday (St Helen`s)	25 April	10.00am	Mr. John Rice RIP
Friday (Sacred Heart)	26 April	10.00am	Patrick Anthony (Tony) Walsh RIP
Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	27 April	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	28 April	9.00am	Jack and Beatrice Barry RIP
Sunday (St. Helen`s)	28 April	11.00am	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.

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

Saying goodbye can be a painful experience. Saying a final goodbye to a loved one can be heartbreaking. That's how the apostles must have felt at the Last Supper when Jesus told them that he was going to leave them. Next day he would meet a savage, degrading death. And the apostles? They would take to their heels, convinced that Jesus' mission was a disaster.

Jesus tried to prepare them for it. A few days earlier he had begged them, “Do not let your hearts be troubled”, even hinting that when he returned to the Father, he'd be closer to them than ever before. And so it was. Within weeks of his death, these same men were boldly proclaiming, “Jesus is alive. We've seen him in the flesh”. They recalled how the apostle Thomas had once asked, “We don't know where you're going ... so how can we know the way?” They remembered Jesus' precious reply: “I am the way, the truth and the life.

“I am the way” – Jesus doesn't point outwards, as if to indicate a route to be followed. He points to himself, “I am the way”. Walking in step with him, we draw closer to God, we understand what it means to have God as our Father.

“I am the truth” – Jesus doesn't simply speak the truth: he is the truth. In everything he does – in his miracles, his care for the sick and rejected, his acceptance of a cruel death – all is truth, a revelation of the true nature of our God. When one of his friends said that all he wanted was to see this Father that Jesus was always talking about, Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, and you still do not know me? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.” Jesus and the Father are equal in every way.

“I am the life” – Life is God's gift to us, a gift so precious that people cling to it even in appalling circumstances. An early Christian writer claimed that the glory of God is a human being who is fully alive. That is what Jesus has come to offer us: “I have come that (you) may have life and have it abundantly.”

“Abundant life” – not simply a continuation of life as we know it, but a new and richer life than we could ever imagine, untouched by pain or sadness or distress: the life that

was planted in our hearts on the day of our baptism and, like baptism, is ours for ever. No wonder Jesus spoke of it as “being born again”!

All this that we’ve talked about so far is the message that the apostles were delivering within weeks of the resurrection, and, as Peter tells us in today’s second reading, many souls were coming to accept it. I wonder why? Not because of the say-so of a bunch of Galilean fishermen, but because of their personal experience that Jesus is truly the Way and Truth and Life.

Since that day, countless others have made the same discovery. In his first encyclical letter Pope Benedict explained that becoming a Christian isn’t simply a personal decision we make. Rather, it is an encounter we experience with a person. That person, Jesus, gives life a new horizon and a new direction. Ultimately, the reason we are here today is because Jesus is truly the Way and Truth and Life.

The Second Vatican Council was the initiative of Pope John XXIII, “Good Pope John”, as he was popularly known. He had quickly endeared himself to countless souls, whatever their religious affiliation, by his humility and gentle sense of humour.

One night, so the story goes, he was pacing to and fro in his room, weighed down by his heavy responsibilities, when he heard a voice. It was the voice of the Lord: “You go to bed, now, I’ll pace up and down for the rest of the night”. Whatever the origin of the story, its message is still true because, although life still has its difficulties, Jesus remains our everlasting hope. As Peter put it in our second reading today, to hope in Jesus is like being called by God out of darkness into his own glorious light.

Sometimes friends say, “I wish I had your faith”. As we know, faith is not of our making. It is a sheer gift of God. And that is precisely why we are here today – to make Eucharist, to give thanks to the Father through his Son in the power of the Holy Spirit, the one God, who is our Way and Truth and Life.

Reflection by Redemptorists Publications. Used with permission

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Jan Dexter, Anne Callaghan, Owen Jenkinson, Tony Wood, Mary Smith, 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 repose of the soul of Paul Goddard and of Kevan Brankin who both died recently. Please keep their families and friends in your prayers.

Priest`s Training Fund

Next weekend, there will be a second collection for the Priest`s Training Fund (PTF) which is aimed at supporting those who offer themselves for the priesthood within our Diocese.

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The winning number was 47. There was no winner in Hoyland so next week will be a rollover. In Goldthorpe, Julia Goddard was the winner.

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

This weekend, we welcome Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Ogunnaike, MSP of the Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP). 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.



First Holy Communion 2024

The First Communion Masses will take place on 18th and 19th May. Help is needed with Tea and Coffee after Mass on 18th May. 2 or 3 volunteers to help with serving, setting up tables and washing up please.

The following weekend is the First Holy Communion Mass and Celebration Party at 5.30pm at St Michael`s church. Baking is needed for the party - Sweet cakes, Buns, Tray Bakes. Donations of Cakes/Buns can be dropped off at 4pm on Saturday 25^h May.

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

Corpus Christi Parish - Family Fun Day, Saturday 15th June 1-4pm.

St Michael`s Church Hall. Wombwell

Please join us for lots of fun and games. Donations of wine, whisky, beer, shampoo, as long as it’s a bottle! Please bring to Church on the weekend of 1st June. Donations of small packets of sweets/chocolates (**individually wrapped**) Please bring to Church on the weekend of 8th June.

Do you have or know anyone with a popcorn or candyfloss machine to have a stall at our Fun Day in June? Are you a performer, singer, dancer, musician or part of a group? Would you like to be part of our Family Fun Day?

Asking for volunteer for stall holding, setting up, clearing up after event, baking. BUT most importantly we are asking you all to come along and join in the fun! All proceeds to Corpus Christi Parish funds.

There is a list for volunteers at the back of each Church. Any help gratefully appreciated. Please contact Liz 07877030827 or Amanda 07505408870 if you can help in any way. **Thank you.**

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