

<p>6th Sunday of Easter First Reading Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 We are all invited, regardless of our background, to discover a life of love in God.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm 97:1-4 The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.</p> <p>Second Reading 1 John 4:7-10 Everyone who loves knows God because God is love.</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel John 15:9-17 Our joy comes from knowing that we have been chosen, called, and sent.</p>
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Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	4 May	5.30pm	Bowden Holmes (age 2) Serious operation
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	5 May	9.00am	Kitty Bainbridge RIP
Sunday (St Helen's)	5 May	11.00am	People of the Parish
Tuesday (St Helen's)	7 May	10.00am	Kevin Brankin RIP
Wednesday (St Michael's)	8 May	10.00am	Shaun Barrett RIP
Wednesday Ascension Day Vigil (St Michael's)	8 May	7.00pm	Paul Goddard RIP
Thursday Ascension Day (Sacred Heart)	9 May	9.00am	People of the Parish
Thursday Ascension Day (St Helen's)	9 May	11.00am	Joey Brett RIP
Friday (Sacred Heart)	10 May	10.00am	Brian Osborn RIP
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	11 May	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	12 May	9.00am	Joan Burkinshaw (nee Galvin) RIP
Sunday (St. Helen's)	12 May	11.00am	Lissy Shaji 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

The Rosary at Goldthorpe will be every **Wednesday** at 1.30pm.

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday 5th May 2024

Sunday Year B

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Weekday Cycle II

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love."

Many years ago, a film based on a true story portrayed a young South American, Miguel, who sang a song that was infectious and spread to everyone who truly listened to its words. It told of life, love and freedom beyond the poverty and oppression that his people were experiencing, but the beautiful music of hope angered those in authority who dreamed of power and wealth. Before long, they arrested Miguel, promising him imprisonment and death if he refused to stop singing. He rejected their threats.

As he stood before the firing squad, the officer asked Miguel for his last words. Instead of speaking, he sang. As he died, his fellow prisoners, watching silently from their cell windows, started to sing Miguel's song, at first quietly and then ever more loudly. The song could not be destroyed. Miguel's music soared beyond the prison into the surrounding countryside, where the peasants working in the fields joined in the melody.

When the film was created, it was too risky to identify the Mexican Jesuit, Blessed Miguel Pro. At his execution on 23 November 1927, Miguel asked if he could briefly kneel and pray. Refusing a blindfold, he stood, forgave those who would kill him and extended his arms as though on the cross. He cried out "Viva Cristo Re!" – or, in English, "Long live Christ the King!" – and with those words, Miguel died. Forty thousand people lined the route of his funeral procession. Another twenty thousand waited at the cemetery, where no priest was allowed to conduct the burial. His song continues!

Before ever Miguel began singing, Jesus showed "the power of one" and raised his voice with his message of undying love. Today's Gospel is Jesus' love song, taken from his words at the Last Supper, a moment when he knew that those closest to him would deny him and would hide in fear lest they suffer the same fate. Jesus did not condemn them for their betrayals and cowardice. Instead, he talked of love, aware that, within a very short time of speaking, he would be arrested and, rather than accept a life of silence, would sing his love song to Calvary. "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." These lyrics

accompanied his every breath, every step, until he had nothing left to give – and even then, he gave blood and water as the soldier’s lance pierced his heart. Jesus described his oneness with his Father, although, on the cross, he would cry out in agony, “My God! My God! Why have you forsaken me?” Yet Jesus had, on an earlier occasion, said that his strength was made perfect in weakness. At the very moment of seemingly utter degradation, Jesus showed what “the power of one” can do. That is why Good Friday led to Easter Sunday. His resurrection made sense of the non-sense. We are still in the Easter season. Calvary, the tomb and the resurrection are staging posts on our journey, but the link between them all is love that never dies and never ends.

Aren’t we crazy if we underestimate “the power of one”? It only takes one person with an idea, a message, a thought – a song – to touch the hearts of others and kindle a small flame. Sadly, we’ve often seen in the media the terrible results when love is in short supply, but we also witness the consequences when one person reaches out to another in love. It’s like a pebble thrown into a pool of water, the ripples spread wider and wider. Without the pebble, the ripples would remain unborn. Without the power of one act of kindness, compassion, mercy or friendship, others wouldn’t happen. When the world in which we live is so hungry for love, why is it that we so often feel helpless and unable to do something to change things? Miguel Pro sang his song of hope at a time when his life was in danger and, by so doing, he gave others the courage that they needed to see the light at the end of the tunnel of hardship and oppression. We have a proverb, “mighty oaks from little acorns grow”. Could I be the acorn which gives rise to the oak tree? I might not see the results of my act of kindness, but Miguel Pro did not know that his song and his death would inspire countless others to see Jesus’ undying love. “The power of one” is all it takes to provide a lifeline to someone else. Lord Jesus, make me an instrument of your love.

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially George Burnitt, 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.

Priest`s Training Fund

Thank you for your donations last weekend. You raised £242.27

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The winning number was 53. The winner in Hoyland was A Blackburn winning £25. There was no winner in Goldthorpe so next week will be a rollover.

Ascension Day Thursday 9th May

Next Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are as follows:-
Vigil Wednesday 8th St Michael`s 7.00pm
Thursday 9th Sacred Heart 9.00am
Thursday 9th St Helen`s 11.00am

Marist Pilgrimage to Walsingham

A date for our diaries! The annual Marist Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday 6 July. Details of prices and pick-up points for the coach will follow later in May.

First Holy Communion 2024

The First Communion Masses will take place on 18th May only at St Michael`s church at the vigil mass, 5.30pm. 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!***

CAFOD Urgent Sudan Crisis Appeal 2024

The Parish has been able to send £115.00 from the Coppers for CAFOD jars to this most urgent appeal. Please continue to pray for those affected. You can also donate directly to CAFOD on cafod.org.uk/SudanAppeal or call 0808 58 588 85. Every gift is needed.

World Day of Communications

Next weekend, we have a special collection for World Communications Day. We are encouraged totake up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world.

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