

7th Sunday of Easter	Gospel Acclamation
First Reading Acts 1:15-17. 20-26 It took a throw of the dice to make Matthias a witness to the resurrection following Judas' betrayal of Jesus.	Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!
Responsorial Psalm 102:1-2,11-12,19-20 The Lord has set his sway in heaven.	Gospel John 17:11-19 As the Father sent Jesus into the world, so does he send his disciples out into the world as witnesses to truth.
Second Reading 1 John 4:11-16 God is love and whoever loves lives in God and God lives in them.	

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Weekday Cycle II

“As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.”

Service Times & Intentions

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
Tuesday (St Helen's)	14May	10.00am	Paul Goddard RIP
Wednesday (St Michael's)	15 May	10.00am	Molly Philbin RIP
Thursday (St Helen's)	16 May	10.00am	Deceased Parkin and Whitney Families
Friday (Sacred Heart)	17 May	10.00am	Margaret Howitt RIP
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	18 May	5.30pm	Joey Brett RIP
Pentecost Sunday (Sacred Heart)	19 May	9.00am	People of the Parish
Pentecost Sunday (St. Helen's)	19 May	11.00am	Colin Barker 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.

What if your entire future were decided by tossing a coin or throwing dice? That's what happened to Matthias and Barsabbas. When Jesus told the eleven apostles to go out and spread the Good News, they decided that they needed help. Perhaps somebody could fill the gap left by Judas? They shared their job description with Matthias and Barsabbas whom they had known since they met Jesus and shortlisted them, and the result depended on the luck of the draw.

“Heads you win. Tails you lose” isn't usually the best guide to important decision-making, but it worked on this occasion. Although this is the only time that Matthias and Barsabbas are mentioned in the New Testament, Barsabbas possibly became both a bishop and martyr. Matthias travelled through Cappadocia and was possibly also martyred.

Today is World Communications Day. It reminds us that the message given and the message received are to be consistent, relevant and accessible to the audience. The apostles knew that Matthias and Barsabbas were authentic witnesses who could say, “I was there.” The apostles and their new recruits, because they had been with Jesus “since the beginning”, could describe what they had seen and heard and people could expect it to be both accurate and credible.

Today's Gospel is part of all that Jesus had to say at the Last Supper. He knew that he had reached the end of the road and that his enemies were looking to kill him. That is why he openly prayed to the Father, asking him to care for those for whom, until that moment, Jesus himself had protected. We hear him tell his Father “Your word is truth” beyond anything that the world can offer. He foretells the suffering that lies ahead of his followers because, so often, their words will go against the convenience, comfort and half-truths of those who are unprepared to listen. Yet Jesus also promises his followers a joy far beyond their imagining precisely because, in laying down his life in the cause of Truth, his joy will also be theirs.

On this World Communications Day, we remember that we are filled, not only with the words of Jesus, but also with the Word himself. As T. S. Eliot once remarked, “humankind cannot bear too much reality”. Truth hits home and shows us who we really are. Sometimes that can fill us with new confidence and hope but, sometimes, truth also

shows us our shortcomings. We don't enjoy seeing our faults and failings or the areas which need a bit of improvement. Truth can sometimes overwhelm us – and that is what Jesus foresaw at the Last Supper: not everybody who would listen to his disciples would be able to bear the truths that they heard.

World Communications Day reminds us of our responsibility and enormous privilege as Jesus' disciples: to use our human words to make the divine Word become flesh in our society and in the hearts and minds of the people who hear us. It is a day when, rightly, we remember those who work in the media. Their work is not easy and, for some, it means risking their lives to inform us of matters which should be at the forefront of our minds and prayers.

Today we also pray that our media might be responsible, uplifting and enriching. It is sometimes difficult to ensure integrity and truthfulness in the face of money, political and technological pressures, and we therefore praise and congratulate those for whom truth does not mean big headlines and maximum publicity.

If this is true of our electronic and printed media, it is even more true when it comes to transmitting the message of faith. The Synod on Synodality has uniquely allowed the entire Church to share the Gospel message in a global effort to communicate Jesus' words to today's people. We often face situations which were never imagined or encountered 2000 years ago. May Jesus accompany us into our future. We don't want to leave things to the toss of a coin or the throw of a dice!

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially George Burnitt, Jan Dexter, Owen Jenkinson, Tony Wood, Mary Smith, Julia Hill, Christine and Bill Mays, Percy Winterton, Carole Dyson, Bernadette Hout, 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.

Requiescat in Pace

We pray for the soul of Anne Callaghan who died recently. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

Anne will be taken into St. Helen's church on Wednesday 29th May at 7.30pm, followed by Requiem at 12 noon on Thursday 30th May.

Paul Goddard

Julia Goddard and family would like to thank everyone for their support, compassion and understanding at such a difficult time. To see so many at Paul's funeral Mass was overwhelming. Your generosity has raised a massive £844 for Pancreatic Cancer UK and Macmillan support, once again thank you very much. you're all truly amazing.

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The winning number was 10. The winner in Hoyland was S O'Neill, winning £25. The winner in Goldthorpe was C Mays, winning the rollover of £50.

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

Next Saturday at the vigil mass, we celebrate with the First Communicants at St Michael's church.

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 Procession Sunday 2nd June 3.00pm

Bishop Ralph will be leading the procession, starting from St Marie's Cathedral.

The procession is a wonderful way to witness to our Catholic faith in Our Lord present in the Most Holy Eucharist, and absolutely everyone is welcome to attend. If any of the altar servers in your parish(es) would like to come and help out with the procession, they would be more than welcome. Any children who have recently made their First Holy Communion are especially encouraged to come and be with Our Lord on this special occasion in the Church's year.

May Devotions at Cudworth Sunday 19th May

We are all warmly invited to join the May Devotions at St Mary Magdalene Church, Prospect Street, Cudworth at 2.00pm on Sunday 19th May. Procession will be followed by Rosary and Benediction.

World Day of Communications

This weekend, we have a special collection for World Communications Day. We are encouraged to take 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
O Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help	Pray for us