

<p><b>Pentecost Sunday</b>  <b>First Reading</b> Acts 2:1-11          Having received the Holy Spirit, the disciples spoke in the languages of all nations about the marvels of God.</p> <p><b>Responsorial Psalm</b> 103:1, 24, 29-3, 34          Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.</p> <p><b>Second Reading</b> Galatians 5:16-25          When the Holy Spirit is a guide in the ways of goodness, no earthly power can pass judgement.</p>	<p><b>Gospel Acclamation</b>  <b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b>          Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.  <b>Alleluia!</b></p> <p><b>Gospel</b> John 15:26-27; 16:12-15          Jesus describes the coming of the Holy Spirit as empowering followers in their witness.</p>
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### Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>18 May</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Joey Brett RIP
<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>19 May</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> (St Helen`s)	<b>19 May</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Colin Barker RIP
Tuesday (St Helen`s)	21 May	10.00am	Anne Callaghan RIP
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	22 May	10.00am	Mary Rose Lacoux RIP
Thursday (St Helen`s)	23 May	10.00am	Audrey Salmon Birthday
Friday (Sacred Heart)	24 May	10.00am	Margaret Howitt RIP
<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>25 May</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	John Cutts RIP
<b>Trinity Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>26 May</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Shaun Patrick Logan RIP
<b>Trinity Sunday</b> (St. Helen`s)	<b>26 May</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

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

**\*Please note there will be no Rosary on 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

## Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday 19th May 2024

Pentecost Sunday

"Be aware."

Sunday Year B

Weekday Cycle II

Some years ago, a family was travelling to America across the Atlantic Ocean on a ship. As part of their preparation for the long journey the mother of the family purchased some fresh bread and cheese prior to boarding: it would serve as their provisions for the crossing. After almost a week of bread and cheese for breakfast, lunch and supper, the eldest child, a boy approaching his teens, complained bitterly to his father that he just could not stomach any more bread and cheese. His father took compassion on him, produced a penny from his pocket and told the boy to go and get an ice cream.

The boy later returned, grinning from ear to ear. His father, curious about his son's overwhelming happiness, asked: "Did you have an ice cream?" Not just one replied the boy, but plates and plates of ice cream, not to mention the steak and chips I had first!" His father was confused. "And all that for a penny?", he said. Promptly the boy took out of his pocket the penny and gave it back to his father saying, "No, it was all free, the food is included in the ticket."

How often have we said, "if only", if only I knew the food was free, if only I was aware what was on offer, if only I recognised the plentiful gift.

"If only." If only you realise what I have given you already and what you will receive after I have gone. The Gospel passage today is a part of what is termed "the farewell discourse". At the Last Supper, the night before he died, St John recalls Jesus' final words to his closest friends, his twelve apostles. What we hear today, on this feast of Pentecost, is his promise, or rather his revelation, that they would receive his spirit. It is the Holy Spirit which will enable them to continue his work of proclaiming to the nations the Good News of the Kingdom of God. In this passage, Jesus is telling his apostles that the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to be sent by the Father, will powerfully work in and through them to proclaim a future kingdom of truth. The Holy Spirit will complement all of the work of proclamation that Jesus has himself already carried out. The kingdom of truth which he speaks of is the eternal life promised to those who are faithful. This was Jesus' "if only" to his apostles. If

only you can understand fully the mission you have been called to continue... If only you can understand the power of the Holy Spirit that will be working in and through you...

As we recall the day of Pentecost when the gifts of the Holy Spirit were awoken in the apostles, I can't help but think, "Why did it take so long?" Why did it take fifty days for them to burst out of that Upper Room, filled with the powerful gifts of the Holy Spirit? Did they realise what they had received? Did they understand what was on offer? Did they recognise the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

It often takes some time and a little thinking before we realise what God has made available to us. Despite the apostles having received so much directly from the Lord, they needed time to think and realise what powerful gifts were available to them. Once they did recognise their God-given abilities, there was no turning back. As we heard in the first reading today, recalling the events of Pentecost morning, the apostles preached the Good News of the kingdom to all nations.

I am quite sure that when the family crossing the Atlantic discovered they could eat like kings, they never touched the bread and cheese again. As we celebrate this feast of Pentecost, we not only celebrate the fact that we have been filled with God's Holy Spirit through the sacraments, especially baptism and confirmation, but we also celebrate the gifts that God has given us in life; gifts that the Holy Spirit awakens!

Today, the feast and the scriptures we have heard remind us not only of the fact that we have God-given gifts, but also that these gifts have been awakened through the Holy Spirit so that they can be put to good use. This is the challenge of today's feast and of the scriptures; do we use the gifts that have been awoken in us through the Holy Spirit? Do we serve others as Christ has called us to?

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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 Hoults, Michael Bennett, Janette Barber, Paddy McNicholas, David Hardy, Tess Lynch, Justin Phillip Collins, Hannah Prentiss, Thomas Collins, Norma Marshall, Val Armstrong, Matthew Deakin, Margaret Booker, Michael Foy, Shirley Broadhead, Norah Preuss.

### **Requiescant in Pace**

We pray for the soul of Pat Hermitage who died recently. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers. Pat's funeral will be Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 1.00pm in St Michael's.

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

### **Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland**

The winning number was 22. The winners were T Giles in Hoyland and M Blakely in Goldthorpe, each winning £25.

### **Dearne Churches Together Family Fun Morning - Wednesday 29 May**

Celebrating 10 years of DCT there is a Family Fun Morning between 10 -12 noon in the grounds and Hall of the Anglican Church at Goldthorpe. Crafts and activities for all the family, free entry and free refreshments. Please book places to help with catering numbers - tel Julie on 07729 421405, or email: [julie@gpcchurch.co.uk](mailto:julie@gpcchurch.co.uk)

### **Marist Pilgrimage to Walsingham, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

We only have a 45-seater coach this year, so are offering 35 places for Corpus Christi parishioners. The coach will leave Wombwell at 7.30am and Goldthorpe at 7.45am. Prices are £25 Adult and £10 Children. Please sign the list at the back of church, and to guarantee your place please make payment by 15/16<sup>th</sup> June at the very latest. Contacts are: Pam Kershaw 07867 505966, Amanda Campbell 07505 408870, Theresa Swindells 07724 228327.

### **First Holy Communion 2024**

Congratulations to all our First Communicants!

Next Saturday after mass is the Celebration Party in St Michael's church hall. Donations of Cakes/Buns can be dropped off at 4pm on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Corpus Christi Procession Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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**

Thank you for your offerings for last week's second collection, £136.84 was raised.

### **CAFOD**

Elaine Coefield has been the parish CAFOD Coordinator for many years and is looking for another volunteer(s) to help her with this important role. Please speak to Elaine or Fr Martin if you can spare a few hours of your time now and again.

### **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