

<p>The Most Holy Trinity</p> <p>First Reading Deut 4:32-34, 39-40 God rules in heaven and on Earth.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm 32:4-6,9,18-20,22 Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.</p> <p>Second Reading Romans 8:14-17 The Spirit of God inspires us to be enthusiastic witnesses to God's presence in our lives and in the world.</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel Matthew 28:16-20 On a mountain in Galilee, Jesus calls on his followers to make disciples of, and baptise, all nations in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He promises to be with them to the end of time.</p>
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Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	25 May	5.30pm	John Cutts RIP
Trinity Sunday (Sacred Heart)	26 May	9.00am	Shaun Patrick Logan RIP
Trinity Sunday (St Helen's)	26 May	11.00am	People of the Parish
Tuesday (St Helen's)	28 May	10.00am	Shaun Barrett RIP
Wednesday (St Michael's)	29 May	10.00am	Pat Hermitage RIP
Thursday (St Helen's)	30 May	12 noon	Requiem Mass for Anne Callaghan
Friday (Sacred Heart)	31 May	10.00am	Peter Durkan RIP
Saturday Corpus Christi Vigil (St Michael's)	1 Jun	5.30pm	Mary and Jim Fleming RIP
Sunday Corpus Christi (Sacred Heart)	2 Jun	9.00am	Lakshmi Muthulingaswamay RIP
Sunday Corpus Christi (St. Helen's)	2 Jun	11.00am	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.

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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The Most Holy Trinity

Sunday Year B

Weekday Cycle II

"Teach them to observe all the commands I gave you."

The Catholic House of Prayer on the Scottish island of Iona sits on a hill and its oratory offers a beautiful view over the tranquil Sound of Iona. Behind the altar is a Celtic cross of Iona, made from distinctive Iona green marble. There are also sayings of St Columba, who founded the first monastic community on the island 1,400 years ago. The first Celtic crosses appeared on Iona from around AD 800.

The Celtic cross is a symbol found all over England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland – particularly in churchyards. The cross itself represents the suffering and death of Jesus, but what makes it unique is the addition of the circle. The circle suggests the circle of life and the cycle of the seasons, and it is also a symbol of wholeness, completeness, unity and infinity. Many see it as representing the eternal love of God. It reminds us that we are a Christian community that is a friend of the poor, a friend of creation, and a friend of God.

The early Celtic pioneers and saints who created the Celtic crosses lived in violent times, in lands wracked by petty politics, tribal feuding, constant migration and its ensuing ethnic and racial tensions. Extreme wealth was in the hands of a few, and there was a downtrodden hidden majority – not unlike some of the problems we face today!

Matthew's Gospel today ends with the baptismal formula of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus names the three Persons of God. On Trinity Sunday, we celebrate our common divine origin – collective offspring of God with one shared life in the Holy Spirit. God has been present in the world from its beginning and the first reading tells us that God rules on Earth as in heaven. We celebrate this every time we say the "Our Father", particularly "thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven."

The Trinity holds all things together and is a model of mutuality. The parts are all aspects of the same God – God as Creator and Maker of Creation, God before us and over us; God incarnate as Jesus Christ, fully human, fully divine, God beside us; and the mutual love and Wisdom that is Spirit breathed into our very lives and into all creation. In the Trinity there is no hierarchy: only mutual love and harmony.

We pray repeatedly during our Eucharistic celebration to be filled with the Holy Spirit so that we may become one in body and spirit. The Holy Spirit connects us all to each other, and to the natural world. The Celtic Christians' love and honour of the natural world, God's creation, was paramount. That's evident in the surviving stories about the earliest saints of the Celtic Christian world and their bonds with nature.

The religious communities of Iona have overcome fire and murder, battles and desecration over the centuries to once again support a vibrant faith community. The ecumenical Iona Community today focuses on global peace, social justice initiatives and environmental care. It invites pilgrims from around the world to pray and study with them at Iona Abbey, surrounded by Celtic crosses.

Our natural environment is one of the greatest examples we have of God's power. Creation is a precious and holy resource, for God's spirit is in all that lives. And yet the beauty and diversity of God is being diminished as millions suffer desperate poverty, creatures go extinct, Earth's climate is heating up because of human activity, and waters are polluted. We have a responsibility to ensure that the world is a place that can sustain all of God's people into the future and we must appreciate our interconnections with the rest of creation. Pope Francis called for this in his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si*, where he urged human society "to hear the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor".

The holidays will be starting soon. Let us enjoy green spaces and urge children to appreciate the life in the grass, plants and hedges. Let us appreciate the fertility of soil and the wonder of birdsong in the dawn chorus, and see the Spirit of God at work in creation, especially in all new life. May we be sensitive to, and support, action campaigns to protect vulnerable communities and natural resources. The Church has Caritas agencies, peace organisations and environmental initiatives which can help us to do this.

Let us pray that we experience God's enduring presence in our lives; that we may experience enduring gratitude for who we are and for what the universe is.

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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 Houlst, 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

Anne Callaghan 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.

The funeral of Pat Hermitage will be Tuesday 4th June at 1.00pm in St Michael's.

Children's Liturgy at Goldthorpe

There will be NO Children's Liturgy in June as we are unavailable on 2nd June. Our next one will be on Sunday 7th July, there will be details on the newsletter nearer that date. Thank you - Maureen and Amanda.

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The winning number was 29. The winners were E Cooper in Hoyland and T McCoy 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

Corpus Christi Procession Sunday 2nd June 3.00pm

Next weekend, Bishop Ralph will be leading the procession, starting from St Marie's Cathedral. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Marist Pilgrimage to Walsingham, Saturday 6th July

There has been a great response to the opportunity to join the Pilgrimage on 6 July and ALL seats on the coach are now booked. Please can payment be made as soon as possible and by 15/16 June at the latest : £25 Adults, £10 Children. Amanda Campbell: 07505 408870; Pam Kershaw: 07867 505966; Theresa Swindells: 07724 228327. If you are unable to join us on this occasion, we are hoping to organise another day pilgrimage in mid-September.

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.

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.**

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 Declan if you can spare a few hours of your time now and again.

Stamps

There is quite an accumulation of used postage stamps at the back of St Michael's church. Is there someone in the parish who sends them off to a charity?

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