

<p>10th Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading Genesis 3:9-15 Adam and Eve are tempted in the garden by the serpent.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm 129 With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.</p> <p>Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 We believe that God, who raised the Lord Jesus to life, will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and that there is an everlasting home built by God for us, in the heavens.</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.</p> <p>Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel Mark 3:20-35 Jesus tells us that our sins will be forgiven and that everyone who does the will of God is a brother or sister or mother of Jesus.</p>
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Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday 9th June 2024 Sunday Year B
Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekday Cycle II

"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand."

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	8 Jun	5.30pm	Paul Goddard RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	9 Jun	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen`s)	9 Jun	11.00am	Anne Callaghan RIP
Tuesday (St Helen`s)	11 Jun	10.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	12 Jun	10.00am	Sebastian Eleamma RIP
Thursday (St Helen`s)	13 Jun	10.00am	NO MASS
Friday (Sacred Heart)	14 Jun	10.00am	NO MASS
Saturday (St Michael`s)	15 Jun	5.30pm	Pat Hermitage RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	16 Jun	9.00am	Canon John Galvin, Golden Anniversary of Ordination
Sunday (St. Helen`s)	16 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.

There is a lot of "them" and "us" or "us" and "them" in our world. At the start of a documentary entitled *Us and Them / The Story of Us*, the actor, producer and narrator Morgan Freeman refers to his home state of Mississippi, where he feels a sense of belonging, not just to the land but to the people too. He experiences it in the way people talk, in the food they eat, and in the way they treat one another. But he also refers to the history of segregation in his state, where people were polarised into separate camps – into an "us" and a "them". He recognises that there is still division, culturally and politically, in a world where people can barely talk to one another and where division spawns hate, and he wonders if this is part of human nature or if we can bridge the gap that separates "us" from "them". His question is a challenging one. Parents and teachers often remark on how small children don't "see" difference the way adults might and are naturally inclusive in their play. Yet the world in which these children grow up is undoubtedly divided – by race, nationality, geography, wealth, war, climate change and inequality – and children soon recognise division. This may make us wonder if we are destined to be divided and if it is impossible to preserve, nurture and restore inclusivity and unity. Are we inevitable victims of our self-created divisions, doomed to a cycle of war and destruction – not only of "them" but also of "us"? A sense of "us" and "them" prevails in today's readings. The book of Genesis presents the intrusion of temptation and evil into the beautiful world God created. The harmony of the garden is shattered by the image of the man and woman and their offspring as enemies of the serpent and its offspring. We know from hearing many other Old Testament readings that this sense of "us" and "them" led to war and injustice, and that many prophets spoke God's word in that context, attempting to encourage God's people to do God's will. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus makes it clear that it is in doing God's will that we are united. The scribes seem intent on "othering" Jesus – insinuating that

“Beelzebub” or an “unclean spirit” is in him – thereby discouraging the crowd from listening to him.

In an atmosphere of such division, Jesus is emphatic in his assertion that people who are divided can never stand. When people in the crowd tell him that his mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for him, he gestures towards those who have been sitting listening to him and identifies them as his mother and brothers, saying that anyone who does the will of God is his brother and sister and mother. He refuses to see God’s family as polarised into “us” – his family – and “them” – not his family.

There is nothing wrong with difference, and much of the richness of humanity stems from differences in personalities, places and cultures. Often the right thing to do is to protect such differences. But when we think in terms of “us” and “them”, we are usually looking at difference as something bad – the bad being in “them” rather than in “us”. We witness incitement to hatred and division in an “othering” of people who may be “different” from us but who should not be “less” than us.

Much of this is deliberate, and can be seen in violence, war and the exploitation of resources for the gain of some but to the detriment of others. Sometimes it is less conscious, when people absorb biases and adopt behaviours that seem harmless but that may have an impact on others – excessive consumption that contributes to climate change, or a failure to recognise privilege we take for granted but that others do not have because of race, nationality, geographical location or disability. Jesus’ word throughout the Gospels leaves us in no doubt that God’s will is that we be united as one household rather than divided – that “us” can be composed of many “thems”. Perhaps today’s readings can encourage us to reflect on how, consciously or unconsciously, we exclude others by classifying them as “them” rather than “us”, and to try to discern what God wants us to do so that we may truly call ourselves one household, everyone the mother and brother and sister of Jesus, acting according to God’s will in our world.

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Prayers for the Sick

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

Corpus Christi Parish Family Fun Day,

Saturday 15th June 1-4pm. St Michael’s Church Hall. Wombwell

Next Saturday! Come along and join in the fun! All proceeds to Corpus Christi Parish funds.

Asking for volunteer for stall holding, setting up, clearing up after event, baking. 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.**

Fr Declan on Holiday.

Fr Declan will be going on holiday next week. Please note there will be no weekday Masses after Wednesdays mass in St Michael’s. Fr Andrew Browne will be celebrating the weekend masses with us. If you need a priest in a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Damian on 01226 284961 or 07791554214, or Fr Peter Iwuoha, Cudworth, on 01226 710320

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The winning number was 9. The winners were M McAllister in Hoyland and M Guilcher in Goldthorpe, each winning £25.

Marist Way and Rosary at Goldthorpe

The Rosary at Goldthorpe will be every **Wednesday** at 1.30pm. The Rosary will be combined with the Marist Way once a month. The next Marist Meeting with Rosary is on Wednesday 12th June.

Marist Pilgrimage to Walsingham, Saturday 6th July

Please can payment be made as soon as possible and by 15/16 June at the latest: Amanda Campbell: 07505 408870; Pam Kershaw: 07867 505966; Theresa Swindells: 07724 228327. We are hoping to organise another day pilgrimage in mid-September.

Hallam Support for LIFE, Second Collection 15/16th June

Next weekend we have a second collection for Day for Life, inaugurated by St. John Paul II. This day presents an opportunity to pray for the gift of life from conception to natural death and to raise awareness of the precious gift of life.

SVP/CAFOD `Year of Encounter`

The St Vincent de Paul Society (England and Wales) recently launched their ‘A Year of Encounter’ campaign in partnership with the Catholic international development charity, CAFOD, to encourage people to engage with their local parliamentary candidates during this general election year. **You are warmly invited to discover more at the meeting on Saturday, 22nd June in St Michael’s Parish Hall at 4.00pm.**

Hallam Bridge

There are a few copies of the latest edition Hallam Bridge, the news from Hallam Diocese, at the back of church.

The file will be available for everyone on the Diocese website: hallam-diocese.com

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
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