

14 Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Ezekiel 2:2-5
Ezekiel is commissioned by God to speak to the disobedient Israelites. God tells him to deliver the message as commanded, even if they do not want to listen.

Responsorial Psalm 122
Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Paul says that when he is weak, he is strong in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 6:1-6

Jesus teaches in the synagogue at Nazareth but the people reject him. He is amazed by their lack of faith, and he is only able to heal a few sick people because of their unbelief.

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



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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Year B

Weekday Cycle II

"There is a prophet among them."

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	6 Jul	5.30pm	Paul Goddard RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	7 Jul	9.00am	Jack and Beatrice Barry RIP
Sunday (St Helen's)	7 Jul	11.00am	People of the Parish
Tuesday (St Helen's)	9 Jul	10.00am	Pat Hermitage RIP
Wednesday (St Michael's School)	10 Jul	10.00am	Sr. Helena, for her intentions on her Ruby Jubilee as a Carmelite Sister.
Thursday (St Helen's)	11 Jul	10.00am	Peter Hough RIP
Friday (Sacred Heart)	12 Jul	6.30pm*	Yorkshire Brethren
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	13 Jul	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	14 Jul	9.00am	Jessie Turner RIP
Sunday (St. Helen's)	14 Jul	11.00am	Michael Tomlinson 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.

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 July 10th. There will be no meetings in August.

Around this time last year, a group of schoolchildren in Birmingham sent drawings to children at an asylum centre in Dover after children's murals at the centre were removed. Immigration officials had them painted over, as it was felt they were too welcoming! Pupils from St Gerard's Catholic Primary School in Birmingham said this action made them feel sad. They sent their drawings to help make the refugee children feel "more welcome". Around 100 pictures and stories were sent by 8- and 9-year-olds before the school broke up for the summer.

At the same time, discussions were going on in Parliament, in parishes and on the streets about a new Illegal Immigration Bill, which many felt fuelled hostility towards refugees. The Churches spoke out on behalf of refugees, particularly children, even though this meant going against government plans and even some significant popular opinion.

Despite protests, the Illegal Migration Act became law on 20 July 2023, although Churches and human rights groups remained concerned about the impact it would have on refugee children in particular. The Jesuit Refugee Service, CAFOD, the Catholic Social Action Network, Columban missionaries and Pax Christi Scotland were among those asking supporters to oppose "this cruel and unworkable" legislation. Plans for detaining child refugees were heavily criticised. The Jesuit Refugee Service UK said, "it is vital that all children are protected from the lifelong trauma that detention inflicts." Campaigners urged the government to focus on creating "a compassionate, fair, and effective system", including being less hostile to people fleeing to the UK to seek sanctuary. Some refugees were so desperate they travelled in small boats across the English Channel.

Our readings today suggest that we – as individuals and as members of Christian communities – should become prophets who speak up against anything we see going on that goes against Christian values. In the example given it is 'welcoming the stranger', which is Church policy.

It is not easy. Biblical prophets were often afraid to accept the call from God, not wanting to have their lives interrupted, and so made a list of all the reasons why they could not accept the call, including their personal limitations. God called on

them to be courageous and committed, trusting they had something valuable to offer.

In the Gospel we hear that Jesus was dismayed when he experienced a lack of faith in his own town of Nazareth. Indeed, it even undermined his ability to perform miracles. He lamented individuals and communities taking on the values of society rather than of faith. We are encouraged to speak out as people of faith and to be prophets of our time. We are challenged by the example of Jesus to speak out against injustice and violence. Vulnerable groups tend to come second to personal profit and advancement and the vulnerable environment is carelessly used and not well protected. We cannot be indifferent to these realities of our time.

The reluctance to be a prophet in the world has not changed in our age. Do we feel reluctant to engage in issues for the common good for all the same reasons – too busy, not skilled enough, or afraid? Perhaps we ignore the news, both local and international. Perhaps we are indifferent to the suffering of communities we don't know. However, just like the prophets of old, God needs us now, and we are invited to respond.

Learn more about the issues that threaten the quality of life of people and the environment so that we will no longer be passive observers but Christians who contribute to discussions with a clear set of values. Do we have a parish justice and peace group or projects which reach out to vulnerable people in the parish? Even the smallest of acts has the potential to seed change and make life better for everyone.

On a personal level, perhaps we will be challenged this week to welcome a stranger. Are you aware of someone who is not included in mainstream society? Are they unable to access things you take for granted? It may be someone you passed on the street or saw on the news. Perhaps it is a refugee child who feels alone in the world. As that person comes to mind, spend time asking God how you can respond. What needs to be done to enable this person to be a part of our community? What structural and political changes are required? Do we need to be critical of our assumptions and prejudices? Do we need to ask more questions and take less for granted? Do we need to speak out for social justice? Let us be more prophetic.

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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 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.

Peter's Pence

Thanks to your generous donations, the total collected was £205.11

Changes to Masses for next two weeks

There will be School Leavers Masses on Wednesday 10th July at 10.00am in St. Michael's School, and on Monday 15th July at 10.00am in Sacred Heart Church Church, Goldthorpe.

The masses at Goldthorpe on Friday 12th and 19th July will be celebrated at **6.30pm**, instead of the usual time of 10.00am

Sea Sunday 14th July.

Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in the second collection next weekend, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The winning number was 6. The winners were M Stephenson in Hoyland and E Goddard in Goldthorpe.

"Finding God in All Things"

Jesuit Mission Week at St Marie's Cathedral

From Monday 8th to Friday 12th July, a team of Jesuits will be at St Marie's Cathedral for a Mission Week. Each day will involve a rhythm of prayer, workshops, communal meals, and times of group sharing and reflection. Everyone will be welcome to participate at any point during the week. Please see the poster for information about some of the activities.

Children's Liturgy at Goldthorpe, Sunday 7th July

Any children who have NOT yet made their First Holy Communion are very welcome to come along. There will be two groups, children 6-8 with Maureen Greaves in the kitchen part of the Parish Rooms, and children 3-5 with Tess Ilogu and Ann Stones in the main Parish Room. Any parents who would like to come and join the age 3-5 group are very welcome, this is also the Practice followed at the Cathedral.

There will be NO Children's Liturgy during August, we will begin again in September Thank you - Maureen and Amanda

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