

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** Jeremiah 23:1-6  
God promises, through Jeremiah, a shepherd who will care for his sheep, take away their fears and bring home those which are missing from the flock.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 22  
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Second Reading** Ephesians 2:13-18  
Through his death and resurrection, Jesus has united humanity and offered us peace.

## Gospel Acclamation

### Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.

### Alleluia!

### Gospel

Mark 6:30-34  
Jesus had compassion on the crowd because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

## Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday 21st July 2024

Sunday Year B

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

*"He saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd."*

## Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael's)	<b>20 Jul</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Fr. Damian Humphries
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>21 Jul</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen's)	<b>21 Jul</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Anne Callaghan RIP
Tuesday (St Helen's)	23 Jul	10.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday (St Michael's)	24 Jul	10.00am	Yorkshire Brethren
Thursday (St Helen's)	25 Jul	10.00am	
Friday (Sacred Heart)	26 Jul	10.00am	Holy Souls
<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael's)	<b>27 Jul</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Robert Ludwik Arczewski RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>28 Jul</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Helen Burkinshaw RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St. Helen's)	<b>28 Jul</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 Olympic Games are scheduled to start in a few days' time. Of course, it would be difficult to miss the constant media coverage of the preparations and of the athletes and supporters heading to Paris. We've seen and heard impressive accounts of the huge amount of training which each athlete has willingly undertaken, often until it hurts. Each has taken for granted the early mornings and late nights, reduced time with friends and families, strict diets and rigorous, long hours of daily practice so that, when their event takes place, each can hope to be physically and mentally at their peak performance. Each will hope – however unrealistically – to win at least a bronze medal, whereas some will dream of several gold medals as they participate in more than one event. An Olympic medal is surprisingly heavy for its size but it also carries a weight of responsibility because each athlete can be a role model for children and youngsters who also carry a dream of sporting success. Each athlete represents their country with pride. Very few will have the luxury of time for themselves until the Olympic Games and subsequent celebrations are over, when, perhaps, they can think of curling up in front of the television for some binge-viewing of their favourite programmes. Until then, however, they must keep on working. Not only medals, but also achieving a personal best, depend on unwavering commitment, effort and teamwork. Whoever gains an Olympic medal earns it.

Jesus and the disciples were so busy that they needed a break. The demanding crowds had prevented them from even having time to eat. We can imagine their sighs of relief when Jesus told his disciples that they would all go away for a few days of peace and quiet by themselves. They climbed into the boat and paddled away, planning to spend the next day or so busily doing nothing. However, despite Jesus' best intentions, when they pulled into shore, people had already guessed where they were going and arrived ahead of them. How the disciples' hearts must have sunk! Jesus felt sorry for the crowd, abandoned his plans for relaxation he

abandoned his plans for relaxation, and instead spoke to the crowd and healed those who were sick. He was the Good Shepherd who cared for his sheep.

Some years ago, the famous Spanish opera singer Plácido Domingo was due to sing at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. Knowing that many people could not afford the cost of the tickets to his concert, he gave a free, impromptu performance in the piazza outside for anybody who cared to listen. His thoughtful gesture touched many hearts and earned huge gratitude. One man's voice united complete strangers in joy.

Without the shepherd, sheep can get into difficulty, especially in bad weather or during the lambing season. We're familiar with the idea of Jesus as the Good Shepherd but sometimes forget that the pictures of him walking through lush meadows with a lamb artistically draped around his shoulders are probably unrealistic. Such images overlook the weight of the animal, its potentially greasy fleece and any fleas and associated "livestock" which might inhabit the wool and transfer across to the shepherd.

A shepherd's life is never easy. He must always be willing to go the extra mile on behalf of the sheep. That is why, when Jesus saw the crowds and thought that they resembled a flock of sheep, he had no alternative: he was the shepherd but he was also the pasture.

So it is with the coaches who support Olympic athletes. Their care and attention to detail make the difference between success and failure. The athlete might win the medal, but it is the constant support of the coach which helps to make the possibility a reality. The athlete doesn't compete in isolation: he or she is part of a team.

Each of us has our own supporting team: those who love and understand us and who are prepared to be with us through thick and thin. We are also probably people on whom others depend. If Jesus is the Good Shepherd, we are called to imitate him and to shepherd the people around us.

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### **Prayers for the Sick**

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

### **Requiescat in Pace**

We pray for the repose of the soul of Deacon Chris Kime, of the Hallam Diocese, who died recently. Please keep his family, friends and parishioners in your prayers.

### **Mass Offerings**

There are plenty of Masses available for your intentions, especially for weekday masses. Please use one of the specially printed envelopes from the back of church.

### **Sea Sunday Second Collection 14<sup>th</sup> July**

Thank you for supporting the second collection last weekend.

The total of £295.11 was raised

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

The winning number was 59. M Harrison won £25 in Hoyland. In Goldthorpe there was no winner so next week will be a rollover.

### **Dearne Churches Together Summer Events**

#### **PICNIC IN THE PARKS**

3 FREE dates this Summer! Bring your own picnic. FREE games, activities and ice cream for children.

Wednesday 31st July, 12-2.00pm Goldthorpe Park, Doncaster Road

Wednesday 7th August 12 -2.00pm Carrfield Field, Highgate Lane, Bolton

Wednesday 28th August 12 -2.00pm Thurnscoe Community Plaza

#### **Goldthorpe by the Sea**

Monday 19th August, 11.00am -2.00pm Goldthorpe Pentecostal Community Church, Market Street

Sand and water play, seaside crafts, bouncy castle

Tickets £3 per person OR £10 for Family ticket - up to 5 people

Please book via Julie Turner 07729 421405 or email [julie@gpcchurch.co.uk](mailto:julie@gpcchurch.co.uk)

#### **Think Resilient! For young people aged 7-15**

Wednesday 21st August 11.30am - 1.30pm

Goldthorpe Pentecostal Community Church, Market Street

Games and activities to help young people develop resilience in emotional well-being and mental health. Free entry, free refreshments.

Booking essential by 31st July. Contact Julie on 07729 421405

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#### **Diocese of Hallam, Marian Youth Group**

For all young people of the Diocese, there will be a Mass and picnic at Padley Chapel on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August from 1030-3.00pm, meeting at Grindleford Station.

#### **Retreat Morning on Zoom**

### **GROWING IN HOLINESS THROUGH PRAISE, WORSHIP AND PRAYER**

ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat 27th July at 10.00am-1.00pm

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: going deeper in Praise, Worship and Prayer." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, with inspiring guest speaker Ros Powell. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREJUL2024](https://bit.ly/ADOREJUL2024) More information at [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.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

O Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help

Pray for us