

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading 1 Kings 19:4-8
God's angel sustains and encourages Elijah in his journey to his meeting with God.

Responsorial Psalm 33:2-9
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second Reading Ephesians 4:30-5:2
Paul calls us to imitate Christ in his compassionate love.

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.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:41-51
Christ reveals himself as the bread come down from heaven. Eternal life is promised to those who believe in him.

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Weekday Cycle II

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven."

Pontypridd is a town in south Wales. On 1 November 2007, local dignitaries unveiled a plaque to celebrate the centenary of the first time that perhaps the greatest of Welsh hymns was sung in public. Its title in Welsh is "Calon Lân", sung to the tune first composed by John Hughes, an organist in the local Baptist church. So popular did it become that it was even sung at Welsh rugby matches! Its original lyrics in Welsh are beyond most of us, but there is a well-known version in English, its first verse being this:

*Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.*

So much of today's Liturgy of the Word is echoed in that one verse. Elijah journeys through the barren land to Horeb, that is, Sinai. When despair overcomes him, God's angel brings both nourishment and encouragement. Eventually the prophet will reach his destination. There he will encounter God, not in the storm or the earthquake, but as a voice that speaks after a gentle breeze. There seems to be a new intimacy with God. Christ, the divine Son of God, is the incarnation of that intimacy.

There is something sacred about bread, even in a non-religious context. It implies intimacy. After all, the word "companion" means "one with whom we share bread". There is something humble about bread: in its different forms it is the food of the poor. With bread, the poorest throughout the world can sustain life, spared the need for larger amounts of more expensive food that belongs to the domain of the rich. It is not for nothing that bread is called "the staff of life."

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	10 Aug	5.30pm	Peter Gillott RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	11 Aug	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen's)	11 Aug	11.00am	Rosemary Pells RIP
Tuesday (St Helen's)	13 Aug	10.00am	Rupert Williams Illness
Wednesday (St Michael's)	14 Aug	10.00am	In Reparation for Blasphemy against Jesus
Wednesday (St Michael's)	14 Aug	1.45pm	Funeral Service for Doris Hoyland
Wednesday Assumption Vigil (St Michael's)	14 Aug	7.00pm	Mary Bradbury RIP
Thursday Assumption (Sacred Heart)	15 Aug	9.00am	People of the Parish
Thursday Assumption (St Helen's)	15 Aug	11.00am	Deceased Members of the Foody Family
Friday (Sacred Heart)	16 Aug	10.00am	Alan Oswin RIP
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	17 Aug	5.30pm	Anne and Ken Barry 50 th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	18 Aug	9.00am	Peter Galvin RIP
Sunday (St. Helen's)	18 Aug	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 is every **Wednesday** at 1.30pm.

It is with such bread that Christ had miraculously fed the multitude, so many of whom lived in daily poverty. But now he goes beyond their earthly expectations. He begins to reveal his true identity: "I am the bread that came down from heaven." This Gospel is a call to faith in Christ's words regarding the truth about himself. He does not retract what he has said but goes even further in his revelation of self. Some attempt to limit him to his human heritage in Nazareth. Many of his disciples will leave him, disillusioned by his extraordinary words.

But there are those who do not lose trust. Their faith is the Father's gift, and he entrusts them to his Son, with the wondrous promise of eternal life. Faith meets the faithfulness of God. This Gospel passage ends in a more eucharistic theme, developed further in next Sunday's Gospel.

As Christ reveals the truth about himself, we give thanks for the Father's gift of our faith in his beloved Son. It is the foundation of everything that is best in our lives. It is to be welcomed and lived with true humility. It cannot co-exist with any form of intellectual arrogance or feeling of social superiority. God only shares the bread of Christ with those who are poor in spirit. It is accompanied by two great gifts: that of wonder and that of the deepest reverence. Then we ask ourselves: what does the divinity of Christ really mean in our lives? There is so much in our secular culture that undermines the integrity of our faith in the Son of God. And as for heaven, it is perhaps best to remind ourselves of the words of St Paul about "what no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him". Finally, we take to heart Paul's words in today's passage from Ephesians: "Follow Christ by loving as he loved you." It cannot be otherwise for those who eat of the same Bread from heaven.

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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, Owen Jenkinson, Tony Wood, Mary Smith, Julia Hill, Christine and Bill Mays, Percy Winterton, Carole Dyson, Bernadette Hault, 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.

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The winning number was 7. D Smith won £25 in Hoyland. In Goldthorpe the winner is yet to be clarified.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thursday 15th August

The feast is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are as follows:-

Wednesday 14th August 7.00pm (Vigil) St Michael's

Thursday 15th August 9.00am Sacred Heart

Thursday 15th August 11.00am St Helen's

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.

Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham, Thursday 12th September

Organised jointly with our friends from Cudworth, the coach will leave Wombwell at 7.30am and Goldthorpe at 7.45am. Prices are £25 Adult, £10 children. If you are interested, please sign the list at the back of each church. Payment by the weekend of 31st Aug/1st Sept, thank you.

Contacts: Amanda Campbell 07505 408870 and Pam Kershaw 07867 505966

Summer Social at St Mary Magdalene, Cudworth. Sunday 25th August

We are warmly invited to join the Summer Social from 2.00-5.00pm at St Mary Magdalene, Prospect Street, Cudworth. Tickets are £2.50p, (pay on the day) Strawberry tea, Tombola, and possibly Bingo!

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 15th August from 1.30-3.00pm, meeting at Grindleford Station.

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

Salvation Army Appeal

The Salvation Army is desperate for non-perishable food to help feed hungry children during the school holidays. There are boxes at the back of each of our three churches for your donations. Otherwise you can donate at the just giving page for Goldthorpe Salvation Army or simply leave a donation with Fr Declan, in an envelope for the Salvation Army. Thank you

Advance Notice – Sunday 29th September Shared Table of International Cuisine 1.00-3.00pm

A date for your calendar. On Michaelmas Day, the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, it is hoped to arrange an event for the whole parish. You can bring your own favourite family meal, sweet or savoury to St Michael's Church hall. Tea, coffee and squash will be available and you can bring your own drinks too.

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