

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First Reading Isaiah 50:5-9

The Suffering Servant of Israel points towards the Messiah and the cross which Jesus Christ will carry to Calvary. The prophet Isaiah trusts that the Lord will come to his help.

### Responsorial Psalm 114:1-6,8-9

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

### Second Reading James 2:14-18

Faith leads to good actions; love in action is the mark of the Christian.

## Gospel Acclamation

### Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.

### Alleluia!

### Gospel Mark 8:27-35

Jesus tells his followers that they will have to carry their cross and lose their lives in love to serve him.

## Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday Year B

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

*"But what about you?" [Jesus] asked.*

*"Who do you say I am?"*

## Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>14 Sep</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>15 Sep</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Kathleen Hanrahan RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen`s)	<b>15 Sep</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Colin Barker RIP
Tuesday (St Helen`s)	17 Sep		NO MASS
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	18 Sep		NO MASS
Thursday (St Helen`s)	19 Sep		NO MASS
Friday (Sacred Heart)	20 Sep		NO MASS
<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>21 Sep</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>22 Sep</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Kathleen Hanrahan RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St. Helen`s)	<b>22 Sep</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	John and Mary Coefield 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.

The Rosary at Goldthorpe is every **Wednesday** at 1.30pm.

## Change to Masses next Week

Please note there will be NO weekday masses next week

Pope Francis dedicated this Sunday as *"Evangelii Gaudium Day"* and invites us to celebrate the "Joy of the Gospel".

It is now over four years since the COVID pandemic changed the world for countless people. When we look around our churches, we can think of the people who no longer come to Mass. Some aged, others died, many moved away, but there are also others who have given up the practice of their faith. There are still many who do not share our belief in Jesus Christ.

Jane and Mark used to come to the parish and played in the music group. They shielded during the lockdowns and joined Mass by streaming, often from different places. They have never come back. We miss them. Maybe they would appreciate an invitation or contact with the parish? Perhaps not? Pope Francis asks us to reach out to them and walk with them on their journey of faith. Can we help them discover again the joy of Jesus Christ and the good of the parish community?

Jesus' activity today is near Caesarea Philippi. It was a well-known place of pilgrimage. The surroundings are very rocky with lots of caves. A great rock cave had been dedicated as a Temple of Pan, the pagan god of nature and fertility. It was believed that the cave led to a passageway down to the underworld and into Hades. The fertility gods lived there in the winter and so people would come and offer their sacrifices. It was also the great site of the Temple built in white marble by King Herod to commemorate the visit of Augustus Caesar to the site. This area is also the source of the life-giving river Jordan, so it is a delightful place of water and fertile vegetation. At this place of competing gods, Jesus asks his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' He receives various answers. Then he asks them directly, "But you, who do you say I am?" Peter answers with his profession of faith, "You are the Christ".

Jesus asks each one of us the question, "who do you say I am?" Can we make the same response of faith as Peter; you are the Christ who saves us and gives us new life? I am sure we can all make this profession of faith, but what does it mean for the way we live our lives? Does our faith in Jesus so overwhelm us that everything is centred around our life in Christ?

When Jesus began to explain the meaning of being his follower, Peter found this difficult to understand. It would mean facing suffering and carrying the cross. It would mean surrendering to Christ and living the demands of love towards others. As we commit ourselves more fully to him, we don't know where it will lead and what will be the consequences. Jesus tells us that it will change our lives. Peter argued and challenged Jesus. Jesus told him clearly and firmly that this was not God's Way but man's. Satan had prompted Peter to be "Number One" rather than place his trust in Jesus. This is a challenge that we too face. Only through faithful prayer and generous love will we know deeply that Jesus is inviting us to follow him day by day. He says, "Come follow me and place your trust in me. I am the Good Shepherd who will look after you".

St James in the second reading speaks about the way in which faith in Jesus Christ must lead to good works. Following Jesus expands our horizons and always invites us to consider the good of the other person, our neighbour. It is not just giving clothes to the charity shop but treating the poor man as a friend and equal.

We are invited to find ways of sharing the joy of the Gospel with others. We want to give hope to those who no longer practise their faith and have lost their way, and to spread the message of Jesus to those who do not know him. This is the work of evangelisation.

Maybe the parish can refresh its work of reaching out to others as we approach the great Jubilee Year of 2025. It may begin with a smile or asking somebody what their name is. It might be contacting someone who doesn't come to Church anymore. What will we do as a parish?

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### **Prayers for the Sick**

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Brian and Margaret Savage, Mary Brankin, Pat Doyle, George Burnitt, Owen Jenkinson, Mary Smith, Julia Hill, Christine and Bill Mays, Percy Winterton, Carole Dyson, Bernadette Hoult, 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 Tony Wood and of Sister Eileen Keating who both died recently. Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

### **Ordination of Deacons, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

Please keep in your prayers Martin Frain from St Peter's Doncaster and John Gilliver from Blessed English Martyrs, Askern who will be ordained Deacons by Bishop Ralph at 11.00am at St Marie's Cathedral Sheffield on Saturday 21st September.

### **Home Mission Sunday Second Collection 14/15<sup>th</sup> September**

Each year we celebrate Home Mission Sunday, when the Bishops invite parishes to pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales. There will be a second collection this week to support the work of evangelisation.

### **Annual Mass Count**

Commencing next weekend and for a further three weeks, the number of attendees at each of the weekend masses will be recorded.

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

The winning number was 2. The winners in Hoyland was D Coe field, winning £25. There was no winner in Goldthorpe so next weekend will be a rollover of £75!

### **Car Park at St Michael's Church**

The new parking system is now live. Regular users of the church or hall need to let us know their car registration. Occasional visitors can easily register their vehicle using the tablet, there is one in the church and one in the hall, and no fee will be taken. This only applies at St Michael's.

### **Shared Table of International Cuisine**

#### **Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

Bring your favourite dish to share with your parish family. From 1.00pm -3.00pm at St Michael's Church Hall, Park Street, Wombwell. Tea, Coffee and soft drinks will be provided. Bring your own drinks if you wish.

Please book your free tickets by email or text. Email: [off-fishing@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:off-fishing@hotmail.co.uk) or text your name and number of seats required to 07877030827.

Raffle will carry a small charge, all proceeds to Corpus Christi Parish maintenance fund.

### **First Holy Communion Programme 2025**

The Holy Communion programme will be starting in October. Meetings are held once a month with the children in the run up to Holy Communion Mass taking place mid-May 2025. Any children in Y3 or above are eligible. Parents are asked to register their children before 14th October. Registers and contact details will be available in all 3 churches.

### **Marriage Celebration Mass 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Did you get married during 2024 or are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary- 1, 10, 25, 50, 60 or more? If so, Bishop Ralph cordially invites you to join him at a diocesan celebration Mass in thanksgiving for the sacrament of Marriage at St Peter's, Chequer Road, Doncaster DN1 2AA at 12:00 followed by refreshments. If you would like to attend then please *add your details to the Google form using this QR Code*. Further Details from [marriagepreparation@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:marriagepreparation@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