

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First Reading Wisdom 7:7-11

Wisdom is a precious gift that is given to us when we pray; it is to be valued above all else.

### Responsorial Psalm 89:12-18

Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

### Second Reading Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God is a word of subtle power and reveals us to the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

### Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

### Alleluia!

### Gospel Mark 10:17-30

Discipleship comes at a cost, involving sacrifice and suffering. We need the power of God in order to be saved.

## 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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

*"Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him."*

## Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>12 Oct</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Tony Wood RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>13 Oct</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen`s)	<b>13 Oct</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Deceased Members of the O`Donovan Family
Tuesday (St Helen`s)	15 Oct	10.00am	A Sick Person
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	16 Oct	10.00am	Stephen and Tracy Savage, Serious Illness
Thursday (St Helen`s)	17 Oct	10.00am	Private intention, Illness
Friday (Sacred Heart)	18 Oct	10.00am	Holy Souls
<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>19 Oct</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Josephine Topps RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>20 Oct</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Kathleen Hanrahan RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St. Helen`s)	<b>20 Oct</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 Rosary at Goldthorpe is every **Wednesday** at 1.30pm

On the reverse of the US dollar bill is a mysterious symbol: an unfinished pyramid, topped by an eye in a triangle, from which rays emanate. The explanation given is that the thirteen tiers of the pyramid represent the original number of States in the Union; the eye represents the omniscience of God, and the rays the omnipotence of God; the triangle is symbolic of the Trinity. The symbol on the dollar bill appears in various forms in both Renaissance art and in Masonic representations — and has given rise to numerous conspiracy theories. There is, however, universal agreement that at its core is the idea that God (or "Providence") sees everything. We read in Psalm 33 (v. 18) "The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him", so the notion that God sees all is not new. What does the all-seeing eye of God mean for us Christians?

"Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him". In this statement, as so often in the Gospels, we understand that Jesus sees with his eyes, with his heart and with his soul. Jesus can see beyond the surface, to the true nature and intentions of others — whether he is addressing the Pharisees as hypocrites or describing Nathaniel as a "man without guile". Jesus saw the piety of the young man, his good intentions, his naiveté and his conflicted heart. So here, echoing Psalm 33, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear [respect] him. And the gaze of the Lord is *benign*. Jesus challenges the young man to the next level of faith — letting go of the idea he can earn his own salvation; he must abandon his wealth — his security — to rely more radically on the power of God to save. Here, as elsewhere, the benign gaze of the Lord discerns, and seeks to help, those willing to accept the will of God. The young man went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth; but even as all his material needs were met, his spirit was hungry. Jesus held up, as it were, a mirror to his spiritual emptiness.

The gaze of the Lord is benign, just as it is also *discerning*: the Lord sees us just as we are, in our weakness and in our loveliness, in our failure and in our success. So, we do not fear the scrutiny of the Lord — we know his gaze is a loving gaze, seeking to know us, to affirm us, and to save us. Our familiarity with the four Gospels sometimes dulls our perception of the radical nature of the teaching of Jesus — "he looked steadily at the young man and loved him". The Lord who can see us to the deepest level of our being still loves us! The gaze of the Lord is benign, discerning,

and *challenging*. When we see ourselves through his eyes, we see what is beautiful, what is in his image, and also what is in need of forgiveness, radical nature healing. So, knowing we are in this gaze, we are challenged to become our better self, to become the holy people we are created to be. Just as the gaze of God is benign, discerning and challenging, it is also *saving* — we are not simply passive recipients of a passing glance of the Almighty — we are drawn further into a relationship that saves us, makes us whole, welcomes us into heaven. How wonderful this is! The all-seeing eye of God is for our benefit. If we can live knowing that we have a God who watches over us, wills us constantly to be wonderful, forgives us when we fail, inspires us when we don't know our next step, encourages us to be a better neighbour, wants us to walk in the footsteps of Jesus — then little by little, day by day, our life will be transformed. In practical terms, we can audit our efforts, track our progress — even if it is just for one week — we can watch, notice and even record how we behave conscious, we are in the benign, discerning, challenging and saving gaze of God. Being in the watchful, all-seeing eye of God is not a solitary experience — we are conscious of being in a community, a communion of people whom the Lord is seeking to shape into a body that testifies to God's love, that is a light to the nations, an inspiration to all.

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### **Prayers for the Sick**

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Stephen and Tracy Savage, 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 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.

### **Annual Mass Count**

Please continue to count the number of attendees at each of the weekend masses until 13<sup>th</sup> October, thank you.

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

The Bonus Ball was 19. Winners were T Swindells in Goldthorpe and P Tomlinson in Hoyland, each winning £25.

### **CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

Envelopes for your donations are still available in our churches Please consider using the Gift Aid slip if you are a UK Taxpayer, thus enabling CAFOD to benefit further from your generous donations.

### **Mission Sunday Collection 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Next weekend there will be a second collection for MISSIO. World Mission Sunday is the one Sunday in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission. All the donations from Masses go entirely towards supporting churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

### **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](http://hallam-diocese.com)

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

The first meeting for parents to discuss the programme content and dates Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 6pm -7pm, St Michael's church hall. First session with children will be Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 4pm followed by Mass of Enrolment at 5:30pm.

### **Parish Safeguarding Representative.**

We welcome Mary Obogo as she joins Sheila Marren as our Parish Safeguarding Representatives. In case of need their contact details are on the front of the newsletter.

### **Book Sale at Goldthorpe**

The final total from the Book Sale was £150 - a very big thank you to everyone who donated or bought books. The money raised will be divided between Church Funds and support of the First Holy Communion programme 2025.

### **New Lectionary – Training Sessions for Readers**

In order to help readers and others prepare for this change, and specifically help readers prepare for the proclamation of the new translation, the Formation and Mission Team are planning two training sessions: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 7-8.3pm at the Pastoral Centre and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 10-11.30am at Blessed Trinity, Wickersley. Please book beforehand at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hallam-formation-and-mission-46212155433>

### **Developments in Spirituality**

In addition to the seasonal days of recollection (the next one is 14<sup>th</sup> December) that the Formation and Mission Team is offering, a number of other events are planned to help people to develop their spirituality, beginning with an online week of Guided Prayer from 1-7December led by the Jesuit Institute. Further details on the Diocesan website.

### **Cymed Flame 2025**

Aimed at parish Youth Clubs and Schools, this event takes place on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025 in Wembley Arena. Thousands of young people are meeting for a great day of worship and a powerful experience of church. Tickets are £35, including transport. To book, visit the Diocese of Hallam website

### **Church Action on Poverty in Sheffield 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage**

Taking place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October, meet at 9.00am at St. Andrew's URC Church, Upper Hanover Street, Sheffield. Contact [briony.broome@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:briony.broome@hotmail.co.uk) or see poster for further details.

### **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