

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** Deuteronomy 6:2-6  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

**Responsorial Psalm** 17:2-4,47,51  
I love you, Lord, my strength.

**Second Reading** Hebrews 7:23-28  
Christ's power to save is utterly certain.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Mark 12:28-34  
Jesus gives us the two great commandments.

## 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

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

*"You are not far from the kingdom of God."*

## Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael's)	<b>2 Nov</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Tony Wood RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>3 Nov</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Miley Connors RIP and Paddy Connors RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen's)	<b>3 Nov</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	People of the Parish
Tuesday (St Helen's)	5 Nov	10.00am	Peace in the Middle East
Wednesday (St Michael's)	6 Nov		NO MASS
Thursday (St Helen's)	7 Nov	10.00am	Julia Hill RIP
Friday (Sacred Heart)	8 Nov	10.00am	Anita Constable RIP
<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael's)	<b>9 Nov</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>10 Nov</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Kathleen Hanrahan RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St. Helen's)	<b>10 Nov</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Brian McAllister 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

## 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 November 13th.

Modern life gives us access to lives and communities we might once have known only through the memoirs of intrepid travellers. Now we just switch on the television or the internet and anything, anyone or anywhere is laid out before us. It is a pity if we treat remote, indigenous societies superficially and unthinkingly, as passing examples of how other peoples live, for they often teach and challenge us. This is particularly true when we are introduced to groups of people whose lives might appear exotic and less complicated than ours; what we might miss is how coherent and caring they are. They cultivate a symbiotic relationship with the nature that surrounds them. Their hierarchies exclude nobody from their care and concern unless someone commits infractions which breach the unwritten laws and practices of the community. Everyone has a role to play in the life of the group. That is how they survive. Strangers in their midst receive particular care because people recognise that they will be vulnerable in a world that can be dangerous. Perhaps these patterns of mutual support are easier to maintain in small communities, but their success challenges our assumptions that our more sophisticated approach to living is thereby more civilised. One suspects the opposite is often true.

As Jesus comes to the end of his public career, he rounds up his teaching by having final exchanges with his old adversaries, the scribes, the Pharisees and the Sadducees. In St Matthew's Gospel this discussion takes place with a Pharisee. Here, it is with a scribe. His message is the same. When you examine the Law, the Torah, the first five books of the Old Testament, the instructions that stand out are these two great commandments: the love of God and the love of our neighbour as ourselves. Jesus has attempted to illustrate, through his life and teaching, how these two commandments may be lived out in practice. His criticism of his adversaries is that they say one thing and do another. They don't necessarily carry out these commands themselves, but they load up their listeners with a variety of rules that bear little relationship to these more fundamental principles of life. His critics are judgmental rather than compassionate, imposing burdens rather than healing or heartening. Jesus offers a life of service which lifts burdens, restores and nourishes in both word and deed. To see and practise this is to be close to the kingdom of God, that is, to be a channel of God's loving presence in the world. Sometimes people feel uncertain about how to love themselves, but Jesus' life reveals the intimate link

between the love of self and of our neighbour. We shouldn't exploit our neighbour or mistreat ourselves. Our concern and respect for our neighbour help give a true form to the concern and respect we have for ourselves.

In the Synod held last year in Rome the concluding synthesis document concentrated less on the subjects that had been discussed and more on how they had been considered by what they termed "the synodal path". What had been important was the careful listening and exchange of views between lay, religious, clerical and episcopal voices. Theologically, this approach was founded upon the trinitarian nature of God and the lived experience of these two great commandments. The Synod document reflected on the individual concerns that had been raised but did so, not as edicts, but as matters for further reflection, hoping that the synodal process might be adopted by individual episcopal conferences, dioceses, parochial and other groups and might become the way we tackle all issues in our Christian lives. It is a bold challenge, but it is rooted in the great commandments. If we cannot practise them in the way we discuss, codify and guide our faith, how can we be sure we have remained on the right track? The trickling down of this approach to the local level will take time, and the pace will differ across countries and local communities. Some may find the synodal approach threatening and others will be impatient to move on faster. The synodal process aims to find ways in which all the diverse groups feel respected, heard and freed in their faith to practise more fully these two great commandments.

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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, Owen Jenkinson, Mary Smith, 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.

### **Holy Souls**

November is the month when we pray especially for those who have died. If you would like a mass for your loved ones who are no longer with us, the Holy Souls lists and envelopes are now available from church. Masses for the Holy Souls will then be said throughout the coming year

### **Change to Mass Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

Please note there will be no mass next Wednesday.

### **Needy Parishes**

This weekend there will be a collection for those parishes that need a little extra help.

### **Looking ahead - Christmas singing at Goldthorpe**

We are hoping to sing some carols with the children - and any adults who would like to join in as well - towards the end of Advent. Short practices will be starting in church after Sunday mass at Goldthorpe on 10 November. Everybody is welcome!

### **Readers wanted for St Michael's**

If you would like to join the rota for reading at 5.30pm mass on Saturday please give your name and phone number to Fr Declan. We're looking to create a rota from January.

### **Goldthorpe Book Sale**

The final total raised from the recent book sale is £165. Thank you for your generosity.

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

The Bonus Ball was 13. The winner in Hoyland was P O'Neill winning £25. The winner of the £75 rollover in Goldthorpe was V Jevons. If you wish to take up a spare number in Goldthorpe, please see George Burnitt.

### **Children's Liturgy at Goldthorpe Sunday 3rd November**

There will be Children's Liturgy this Sunday during mass at Goldthorpe for all children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion. Group aged 3-5 with Amanda in the Parish Room, group aged 6-8 with Maureen in the Kitchen area. Parents of smaller children are very welcome to join us. Looking forward to seeing you all!

### **Retreat at St Vincent's Mission Hub Sheffield, Saturday 9 November**

Offering young adults (aged 16-35 or Year 11+) from across Hallam Diocese and beyond, the opportunity to come together and explore what it means to be in relationship with God.

Tickets can be purchased from <https://www.youth2000.org/events/sheffield2024>

### **Jubilee of Youth Rome 28<sup>th</sup> July- 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

Posters at the back of church with further information, or email [smcdonald@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:smcdonald@hallam-diocese.com)

### **Jubilee Year Pilgrimage in Kent – 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

Taking in visits to National Shrines of St Jude and St Augustine, and a tour of Canterbury Cathedral. Please see the poster at the back of church for details.

### **CAFOD Family Fast Envelopes**

The Parish has been able to send £468.22 following the recent appeal, that doesn't include any donations parishioners have sent online; Thank you for supporting CAFOD so generously.

Please remember the Coppers for CAFOD jars in each church are for emergencies such as the dire situation in the Middle East. If you have any spare change, please think about putting it into the jars next time you visit church.

### **Notre Dame Sixth Form Opening Morning Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

Taking place between 10-12noon. Please visit [notredame-high.co.uk](http://notredame-high.co.uk) for further details.