

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** Daniel 12:1-3  
Wisdom and goodness light up the world with a light which cannot be darkened.

**Responsorial Psalm** 15:5,8-11  
Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

**Second Reading** Hebrews 10:11-14. 18  
Jesus' sacrifice of himself took away all sins.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Mark 13:24-32  
Jesus, the Word of God, speaks in human words which will last forever.

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## Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael's)	<b>16 Nov</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>17 Nov</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Sheila Durkan RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen's)	<b>17 Nov</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	A Troubled Child and their Parents
Tuesday (St Helen's)	19 Nov	10.00am	Deceased Members of the Durkan Family
Wednesday (St Michael's)	20 Nov	10.00am	Hilda Susan Webster RIP
Thursday (St Helen's)	21 Nov	10.00am	Brian and Bridget Liptrott RIP
Friday (Sacred Heart)	22 Nov	10.00am	Luke Heavey RIP
<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael's)	<b>23 Nov</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>24 Nov</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Private Intention
<b>Sunday</b> (St. Helen's)	<b>24 Nov</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Andrew J Marren 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

## Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

*"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."*

The young Roman soldier stands in an archway in Pompeii as Vesuvius erupts. Protected only by his armour, a short sword and a spear, he is terrified, but has no permission to desert his station and escape. He will stay on guard duty although his obedience will cost him his life. *Faithful unto Death*, a painting by Sir Edward John Poynter, hangs in Liverpool's Walker Art Gallery. We don't know if the Roman soldier really existed because, almost two thousand years later, archaeologists have only excavated about one-third of Pompeii. They are still discovering what happened on that October day in AD 79. They know much about the ordinary daily lives of the city's inhabitants, but tangible evidence also reveals the unexpected terror and, sometimes, the heroism of a parent who died protecting a child.

Today, we remember the poor people of this world, conscious that poverty is often unrelated to finance. A student car park attendant commented that some of his clients receive cars from parents who otherwise remain uninvolved in their children's lives. Busy drop-in cafes and libraries support customers who long for company and recognition. Some torn-apart families struggle to heal the wounds of division. Tragically, we've witnessed families who, through war, lose everything they possess – but discover the riches of love, hope and courage. Sometimes affluence and destitution walk together. Today we pray for all those who experience poverty in whatever form, that they will find the security and hope for which they yearn.

The earth-shattering events which killed the dinosaurs failed to destroy crocodiles and cockroaches. Although the eruption of Vesuvius killed many inhabitants of Pompeii, some survived. Throughout history false prophets have foretold the date and time of the end of the world. To their surprise and embarrassment, it hasn't happened and life has continued, seemingly unchanged. At this time of year, the Gospel often carries tales of doom and gloom. Today appears to be no different as we hear about stars falling from the sky – and yet we are offered hope. Jesus foretells the end of the known world and presents something beyond anything we can imagine – everlasting life. False prophets can only indicate a vantage point for

their followers to watch the world's destruction before they die. Jesus declares that, yes, the world will end, but life will continue and he can guarantee it. He uses a tree and time-limited human words to teach his listeners that, as the eternal Word, he will accompany them forever and always. In the same way, Jesus' words will go beyond heaven and earth, into eternity. Our beautiful Planet Earth is only a foretaste of the good things to come.

Ever practical, Pope Francis has supplied the homeless people of Rome with showers, a change of clothing, haircuts, food and somewhere to sleep. He also organised for many to enjoy a day out at the seaside and a pizza meal on the way home. "Why not?" he asked. "We all like a day beside the sea." Simple things can touch the hearts and lives of the poorest people and situations. Of course, in situations of war, there is often very little that we can do, and yet there is also a contribution to world peace which all of us can make, enriching the lives of those around us. There is nothing to stop us closing a door quietly or finding something good to say about even the most irritating person. Even when we are busy, we can become an island of peace which can radiate to other people. We don't need to become messengers of doom and gloom. The Roman soldier who stayed on duty as Vesuvius erupted gave us an example which echoes today even if his obedience might have been misplaced in the circumstances. Some of the most materially poor people in our world are also the most generous because, having suffered themselves, they learn empathy and strive to lessen the sufferings of others. Today, as we celebrate the World Day of the Poor, we pray for those who are in need and don't know where to look for support. They don't need to feel that they stand on the edge of disaster.

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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

### **Teaching Assistant Vacancies**

The Corpus Christi Federation is seeking to fill three positions, closing date of which is 29<sup>th</sup> November. Please see the posters at the back of church for further information, email [sacredheart@federationcc.org.uk](mailto:sacredheart@federationcc.org.uk) or telephone 01709 892385 to arrange a visit with Mrs Kelly, the Executive Headteacher.

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

The Bonus Ball was 18. The winners were J Andrews in Hoyland and J Whitfield in Goldthorpe each winning £25.

### **Sick & Retired Clergy**

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Sick & Retired clergy to help ensure all of our priests who have given their lives to serve God and to serve us, who are not able to say mass anymore, or who are not able to look after themselves, are cared for at their time of need. The Diocese have thirteen retired priests with various individual care needs. Care costs have rocketed recently. Please help to cover these ever-rising costs by giving what you can. This appeal is our opportunity to serve them in God's name. For those parishioners who use offertory envelopes, you will find a pink one for this collection in the back of the envelope box.

### **Readers and Eucharistic Ministers wanted for St Michael's**

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

### **Carol Service at Goldthorpe, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

There will be a service of Carols and Readings for all of Corpus Christi parish at Sacred Heart, Goldthorpe at 6.30pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Some carols will be sung by the children of our parish, and some for all of us to join in. It's anticipated the Service will last about an hour. Singing practice will take place as follows:-

November - 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> after mass and on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> at 5.00pm.  
December - 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> after mass and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to do a reading, please contact Amanda Campbell on 07505 408870. Let's all enjoy this celebration for the whole parish!

### **Goldthorpe Christmas Market, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Taking place from noon-5.00pm, in the Town Square (former Horse and Groom site). Dearne Churches Together will be singing carols from 4.15-4.40pm before the Christmas Tree lights Switch-on at 4.45pm All are welcome.

### **Postcards Against the Assisted Dying Bill**

On 29<sup>th</sup> November MPs vote on the Assisted Dying Bill. Postcards from the disability group "Not Dead Yet UK" are available from church, which you can send to your MP asking them to vote against the legalisation of assisted dying.

### **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