

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Gospel Acclamation
First Reading Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 God's word gives us cause for rejoicing if we are ready to listen and follow its advice.	Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor; to proclaim liberty to the captives. Alleluia!
Responsorial Psalm 19(18):8,9,10,15 Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.	
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 We are all different, but our differences can be a source of strength and unity.	Gospel Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 Jesus spoke to the people around him before going further afield. He took the risk of being rejected.

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	25 Jan	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	26 Jan	9.00am	Jemima McDonald RIP
Sunday (St Helen's)	26 Jan	11.00am	Audrey O'Neill RIP
Tuesday (St Helen's)	28 Jan	10.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday (St Michael's)	29 Jan	10.00am	Leonard McBride RIP
Thursday (St Helen's)	30 Jan	10.00am	Yorkshire Brethren
Friday (Sacred Heart)	31 Jan	10.00am	Holy Souls
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	1 Feb	5.30pm	Terence Mullins RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	2 Feb	9.00am	Fr James Shryane RIP
Sunday (St. Helen's)	2 Feb	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.

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 12th February.

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday Year C

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor."

This wasn't the first time that Jesus had spoken in the synagogue in Nazareth. He had regularly taken his turn to address the congregation since he was twelve years old and officially came of age as a Jewish man. The townsfolk were probably used to hearing what he had to say. Of course, we have no idea how he explained the Law and the prophets before he started his public ministry. We can only guess that, on this occasion, the people of Nazareth might have wondered if he had anything fresh to add to all they had heard previously. They might have been intrigued to see how somebody they knew so well had suddenly become famous throughout Galilee. Some would have been very proud of Jesus, whereas others might have been sceptical that he could teach them any more than could the local rabbi. Jesus recognised this and might have felt a bit nervous about speaking to people he had known all his life – but he still took the risk of speaking up. Everybody knew that he was a carpenter who had done no further studies than he had acquired alongside every other boy in Nazareth – and yet, local gossip credited Jesus with a very different outlook on life and people wanted to satisfy their curiosity. When Jesus stood up in the synagogue, everybody was intrigued to hear more.

Jesus took the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and read that he had been sent to give good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, to give dignity to those who were oppressed and to give sight to people who could not see. Everybody in the synagogue was familiar with this text and had probably heard it more times than they could count. Isaiah had lived long before they did and was speaking about the Messiah who was to come. What made the congregation sit up and take notice was that Jesus declared that the prophecy had been fulfilled and that they no longer had to wait for its fruition. People quickly wondered if his words were blasphemous because it seemed that Jesus was implying that he was the one whom God had sent to save his people. We can only imagine how anxious and scared Mary felt on listening to her son's message. She knew that blasphemy was punishable by death and that nothing she could say would calm the anger of the townsfolk if they decided that Jesus really was claiming to be the Messiah. Yet Mary also knew that Jesus was

saying something that people needed to hear. Instead, they saw the speaker and did not listen to the message of hope that he communicated. They did not stop to think that Jesus really did hold the answer to their longings.

Jesus would later say that a prophet held no credibility within his own town and amongst his own people. He saw for himself that they had missed the point and did not recognise the privilege of being amongst the very first to hear the message of freedom and of hope that Jesus bought them.

As we celebrate the Jubilee of the World of Communications, we know that our means of communicating have changed beyond anybody's imagining during the past few decades. Technology has caused massive changes in everybody's lives – possibly far more than we realise.

Somebody once said that there are two people who speak the truth: the brave and the crazy. It takes courage to speak out and to be the voice which others need to hear. Not only that, but we are also called to be listeners, because occasionally the most unlikely people unintentionally challenge us to rethink our priorities in life. How often do we give these individuals an opportunity to be heard? How often do we pass over them, perhaps thinking that they have nothing worth saying?

If we had been in the synagogue in Nazareth the day that Jesus stood up to speak about his mission, how would we have reacted? Would we have listened thoughtfully or would we have rejected him because we thought that we knew more than he did? Would we have been brave enough to insist that Jesus be given more time to explain what it was he was trying to say?

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Audrey Wood, Paula and Jimmy Stewart, Justin Philip Collins, George Beard, 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 Hoults, Michael Bennett, Janette Barber, Paddy McNicholas, David Hardy, Tess Lynch, Hannah Prentiss, Thomas Collins, Norma Marshall, Val Armstrong, Margaret Booker, Norah Preuss.

Fr. James Shryane RIP

Fr James will be taken into Holy Rood, Barnsley, on Tuesday 11th February at 7.00pm. The funeral will take place at 11.00am on Wednesday 12th

Deanery Confirmation Programme 2025

The sessions will run from Thursday 27th February in Holy Rood Parish Hall at 6.30-7.30pm for ten weeks, with a three week break for Easter (10th -24th April). Parents are required to attend the first session with candidates to receive an overview of what is involved and to sign consent forms for the use of photographs at the Confirmation Mass. Each candidate will need to provide a photocopy of their baptism certificate. The programme will be based on material developed by the Diocese of Salford which can be viewed at www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/sacraments/confirmation/ The programme will be led by Deacon Paul Green, who can be contacted at paul.green05@btinternet.com

Singing at Parkside Care Home

Dearne Churches Together are leading some hymn singing at Parkside Care Home, Wombwell on Tuesday 28th January at 2.00pm. All are welcome to come along and join in, but please would you confirm with Julie Turner of DCT on 07729 421405 or email: julie@gpcchurch.co.uk. Thank you

Children`s Liturgy in Goldthorpe

There will be Children`s Liturgy during mass on Sunday 2nd February. Any child who has not yet made their First Holy Communion is very welcome to join us. There are two groups, 3-5 year olds with Amanda and 6-8 with Maureen. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The Bonus Ball number for 18th January was 46. The winners were L Redfern in Hoyland and J Bainbridge in Goldthorpe, each winning the rollover of £50.

Spare numbers are available in Hoyland and in Goldthorpe. Please see Pat Tomlinson in Hoyland or George Burnitt in Goldthorpe if you would like a number. All money raised is for church funds and you also have a chance of winning!

Pilgrim Passport

Please take a copy of the Pilgrim Passport available for everyone at the back of church. All the events to celebrate the Jubilee Year are listed within, the Jubilee Prayer and all the information you need to make the most of this special year.

World Day of Prayer, Friday 7th March

The Goldthorpe World Day of Prayer Service will be held at 2.00pm on Friday 7th March at the Pentecostal Community Church on Market Street. This year's service has been created by women of the Cook Islands, with the theme 'I made you wonderful'. There is a first planning meeting for the service at GPCC at 1.30pm on Friday 31st January to look at readings and music. All are very welcome to attend this meeting. Contact is Julie Turner: 07729 421405.

Jubilee Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Friday 27th - June 3rd July 2025

Bishop Ralph invites you to join him on the Jubilee Year 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Booking forms available to download at www.hallam-lourdes.com. Enquiries 01302 247910 or email lourdesoffice@hallam-diocese.com. Fare £899pp - 6 nights' Full Board (excl. Ins) flying from Leeds Bradford Airport direct to Lourdes. This year we hope to welcome pilgrims from every parish in the diocese. All are very welcome to join us - pilgrims who need help due to medical issues/ mobility, volunteer helpers, doctors, nurses, clergy, and general pilgrims.

Woolly Hats Required.

If you have any spare woolly hats, mainly for men, they would be most gratefully received by Barnsley Churches Drop in Project. The hats are needed for the homeless. Please see Liz Salmon for further information.

Wombwell Parish Hall

The kitchen in St Michael`s Parish Hall has sustained severe frost damage, resulting in the kitchen unusable for the time being. Work is in progress to rectify the situation, but please bear in mind, if you regularly use the hall as part of a group, please check with your group organisers for updates. Thank you