

<p>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>First Reading Isaiah 6:1-8 God is revealed to Isaiah in an awesome vision of the divine presence in the Temple. He is reluctant to obey God's call, conscious of being a sinner within a sinful people. But his experience of God's forgiveness gives him courage to respond.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm 138(137) In the presence of the angels, I praise you, O Lord.</p> <p>Second Reading 1 Cor. 15:1-11 Paul is also aware of his own unworthiness as a former persecutor of Christians and of the weakness of faith among some of the Corinthians. But his faith in the resurrection makes him trust in God's call and he encourages those to whom he has preached to have faith in their turn.</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia! Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel Luke 5:1-11 Jesus calls Peter, James and John to be his disciples. Peter fears that his sins make him unworthy and he's right – he will fail repeatedly. But God calls the weak to make them strong and Peter will become the Rock despite his failings.</p>
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Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	8 Feb	5.30pm	Audrey Stone RIP (Canada)
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	9 Feb	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen's)	9 Feb	11.00am	For the Intentions of Tina Giles
Tuesday (St Helen's)	11 Feb	10.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday (Holy Rood)	12 Feb	11.00am	Fr Shryane's Requiem in Holy Rood
Thursday (St Helen's)	13 Feb	10.00am	Harvey Willgoose RIP
Friday (Sacred Heart)	14 Feb	10.00am	Tony Walsh RIP
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	15 Feb	5.30pm	Bernadette Hoult Get Well Intentions
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	16 Feb	9.00am	Christine and Catherine Haigh RIP
Sunday (St. Helen's)	16 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.

COLLECTIONS

Date	Parish Collection	Standing Orders for January
1-2.2.2025	£528.49	£1777.91

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday 9th February 2025

Sunday Year C

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

"What I am now, I am through the grace of God, and the grace which was given to me has not been wasted."

In each of the call stories that we hear in today's readings, the person called feels that God has in some sense got it wrong – none of them initially feels like the sort of person whom God should choose. But God's criteria for judgement are not ours. At a time of major threat to Israel Isaiah feels inadequate to the task of prophesying God's will, yet his are the prophecies we still hear today, promising the advent of God's saving power, a great light to those walking in darkness. Paul, the former persecutor, gives us some of our most loved scriptural passages, proclaiming God's folly as wiser than human wisdom, God's weakness as stronger than human strength. Peter's bluster hides his fear and weakness of faith, but when he recovers from his denial of Jesus, he becomes the rock who strengthens the whole Church.

Whatever our own sense of inadequacy and weakness of faith or moral fibre, God sees the best in us. God offers us all the grace we need to understand that we are a mission in this world – all we need is to have the confidence and courage to accept this truth.

The Gospel stories that centre on the Sea of Galilee are all connected with fishing. On first meeting Jesus Peter, James and John are overwhelmed by the huge catch of fish they make, their previous efforts having proved fruitless. They are easily discouraged by failure, but even more unnerved by success beyond their imagining. Later they fear drowning in a storm – again their reaction is terror of sinking, but also fear when they witness God's power over the elements. Jesus invites Peter to walk on the water – Peter sets out but sinks when he ceases to trust Jesus' power at work in him. It's only in the final story of meeting the risen Jesus on the seashore that Peter truly knows himself loved and forgiven and finds his strength and courage at last.

In one sense it's a good thing that we often feel inadequate and lacking in confidence in our own strength. If we felt entirely worthy of being followers of Christ, we would be the very hypocrites that Jesus so often criticised. A healthy dose of self-doubt can keep us humble. But if self-doubt stops us from growing and flourishing as people of faith, it does us and the Gospel we follow no good. We need faith, not in our own capacities but in God's power at work in us.

Repeatedly in the Gospels we see the disciples chosen by Jesus showing defects of character: Peter is by turns boastful and lacking in self-awareness, James and John are hot-tempered, Thomas struggles to believe, Philip struggles to understand, Nathanael is unimpressed by Jesus' humble background – even his cousin John has second thoughts. Either Jesus is a poor judge of character, or he sees hidden strengths in his weak followers if only they will receive the grace he offers. He sees that in us, too.

The only thing the disciples of Jesus found harder to accept than bad news was good news. The Christians of Corinth and the disciples on the road to Emmaus struggled to believe the point of Jesus' suffering and death. While this is a stumbling block for many, it can be even harder to have confidence that his risen life is truly at work in us. Few of us look or feel like saints! God makes acts of faith, hope and trust in us each day of our lives. We don't have to be worthy – we must only be open to believe that God's grace at work within us is more than enough to help us fulfil the mission that God created us to be in this world.

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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 Hault, Michael Bennett, Janette Barber, Paddy McNicholas, David Hardy, Tess Lynch, Hannah Prentiss, Thomas Collins, Norma Marshall, Val Armstrong, Margaret Booker, Norah Preuss.

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Harvey Willgoose. Please keep his family, friends and the community of All Saints School, Sheffield in your prayers.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Shaun O'Roarke who died recently. He will be received into St Helen's church on Monday 17th February at 6.00pm, the funeral will take place at 12.15pm on Tuesday 18th February. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

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

Marist Way and Rosary at Goldthorpe

The Rosary at Goldthorpe will be every **Wednesday** at 1.30pm. The next Marist Meeting with Rosary is on Wednesday 12th February

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The Bonus Ball number for 1st February was 2. The winner in Hoyland was D Coefield winning the rollover of £50. There was no winner in Goldthorpe so next week will be another rollover

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.

Dearne Churches Together - Family Fun Day

There will be a Family Fun Day on Wednesday 19 February 11am-1pm at Goldthorpe Pentecostal Community Church, Market Street. Our theme is the miracle of the loaves and fishes Feeding of the 5000. Crafts, activities and games for all the family, and lunch provided. Please contact Julie Turner on: 07729 421405 or email: julie@gpcchurch.co.uk to book your family's place.

Catholic Association for Racial Justice, Second Collection 15/16 February

In our task, as disciples of Christ, our responsibility is to make sure people are treated with dignity at work and are not exploited. Migrant communities and those suffering from racial abuse are particularly vulnerable to being drawn into unjust working conditions and labour exploitation. Funds raised from next week's second collection will be used for promoting racial justice in England and Wales. You can find more about their good works by visiting <https://www.carj.org.uk> The second collection will be next weekend.

Red Mission Boxes

Please bring in your Red Mission Boxes at your earliest convenience. If you are a UK Taxpayer, please consider using Gift Aid and make sure your name is on the box that you leave, or empty your own box and bring to church, making sure your name is on your donation. This allows the Missio Co-ordinator to log your donation and therefore claim the Gift Aid. Thank you for your support and for your continued prayers for missionaries around the world.

Hallam Bridge

The latest edition of Hallam Bridge is proving difficult to print off. I will keep trying, but in the meantime, the file will be available for everyone on the Diocese website: hallam-diocese.com

Parish Meeting of 5th February

Thank you to all those who attended the meeting at such short notice. It was a very productive meeting with many views aired on the future of Corpus Christi Parish, which was the focus of the meeting. There will further conversations and consultations to guide the Parish forward in our journey of hope and your voices are vital in any decision making. Further meetings will be arranged within the near future.