

<p>Palm Sunday Procession Luke:19:28-40 Jesus receives the acclaim of his followers as he rides into Jerusalem on an unbroken colt.</p> <p>First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7 Ancient prophecy foretold the sufferings and insults he would endure.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm 22(21):8-9,17-18a, 19-20,23-24. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?</p> <p>Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11 Though he humbled himself for our sake, God raised him to be Lord of all.</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.</p> <p>Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.</p> <p>Gospel Luke 22:14 – 23:56 St Luke recounts the story of Jesus' last Passover: how he was arrested, tried, tortured and crucified.</p>
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Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	12 Apr	5.30pm	Audrey Salmon, Happy Birthday
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	13 Apr	9.00am	Shaun Barrett RIP
Sunday (St Helen's)	13 Apr	11.00am	People of the Parish
Tuesday (St Helen's)	15 Apr	10.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday (St Michael's)	16 Apr	10.00am	Donald Bedford RIP
Maundy Thursday (St Helen's)	17 Apr	7.00pm	Noreen and Bobby Gibson RIP
Good Friday (Sacred Heart)	18 Apr	3.00pm	
Holy Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	19 Apr	8.00pm	Mary and Jim Fleming RIP
Easter Sunday (Sacred Heart)	20 Apr	9.00am	People of the Parish
Easter Sunday (St. Helen's)	20 Apr	11.00am	Paul Goddard 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.

COLLECTIONS

Date	Parish Collection	Standing Orders for March
5/6 th April 2025	£493.41	£1774.96

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday 13th April 2025 Sunday Year C
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Weekday Cycle II
'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of Lord!'

What is the best way to get a message across? Words are not the only or even the best way to communicate. Messages can also be conveyed by non-verbal means. Symbolic gestures and actions cross language barriers. They speak directly to the heart.

Pope Francis understands their powerful impact. One of his first actions as Pope was to choose a name with strong associations. Most people had heard of St Francis: the name spoke of humility, of simplicity, of love for the poor, of respect for the earth and its creatures. And just as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, so our new Pope drove around the Vatican in an old Ford Focus. The message he gave was clear. It needed no explanation.

Jesus often dramatically acted out his message, chasing traders out of the Temple, for example, touching lepers, and washing his disciples' feet. Such symbolic actions seemed shocking at the time... ridiculous, even... but they left an indelible impression. They showed what God is like, and they demonstrated what wonderful things can happen when we imitate God's holy zeal and loving service.

Today we commemorate the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, another unscripted drama, though it may have seemed anything but triumphal at the time. Jesus merely borrowed someone else's donkey and rode into the city accompanied by psalm-singing pilgrims. Yet it conveyed a powerful message. He selected his mode of transport carefully: not a warhorse nor some docile old donkey guaranteed to carry him with dignity. Instead, he chose a young colt not yet broken in. It was likely to give him a very unstately ride as it kicked and bucked its way down the Mount of Olives!

How different from that other procession taking place on the far side of the city, for Pontius Pilate was also entering Jerusalem about this time. Pilate himself understood the power of symbolic actions. He would have been seated on a fine horse, surrounded by legionaries in gleaming armour. A show of force is the kind of language everyone understands. Such contrast! The pompous and the ridiculous; the powerful and the puny! Jesus was making clear what kingship was *not*: not grandeur, nor the instilling of fear. He was coming as Prince of Peace, a human being like anyone else, making himself vulnerable, almost inviting contempt. This was a King coming, not to lord it over his people, but to lay down his life for them.

The Entrance Gospel began with the words: “Jesus went on ahead.” He still goes on ahead, leading his Church along the humble path of self-emptying love, showing us that true greatness is not about grandiosity, nor about being stronger or smarter than anyone else. Jesus demonstrates the serene authority of a person who trusts in God; who lives out what they believe; who loves to the end.

He sensed what fate awaited him. The crowds were less aware. In high spirits, they were shouting blessings and hailing him as king! Some tried to constrain them, as so often happens when the openness of a person’s beliefs is ridiculed, or their spontaneity dampened by other people’s expectations. Indeed, to declare faith in Jesus still carries the risk of public disapproval, even in a free society. Jesus, however, affirmed the crowd, just as he affirms us whenever we express our love for him, or cheer on anyone who stands up for what is right and true.

Though he seemed in sombre mood, the exuberance of the crowd did not bother Jesus. Perhaps he drew strength from their love for him. They were singing well-known psalms with such gusto and laying down a red carpet of their own garments. Today’s liturgies encourage us, too, to be more than passive bystanders in the drama of Christ’s passion. We are called to conscious participation; to engage with heart and mind; to profess our faith in action as well as word. Jesus desires our companionship on his lonely journey towards the cross. “The Master has need of it,” he said as the disciples went to fetch the donkey. The Master has need of us.

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

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Stephen Law who died recently. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers. The funeral of Jannice Hallam will take place on Wednesday 23rd April at 10.00am in St Helen’s. Please note there will be no mass in St Michael’s that day.

Easter Offering

Your offerings on Easter Sunday are for our parish priest. Thank you

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places

Each year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in every Catholic Church to support the people and places of the Holy Land.

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The Bonus Ball number for 5th April was 18. The winners J Andrews in Hoyland and J Whitfield in Goldthorpe, each winning £25.

Tea & Coffee at Goldthorpe

Please note, there will be no teas and coffees at Sacred Heart on Easter Sunday.

Safeguarding Training for Volunteers and Parishioners

The Diocese Safeguarding Office will be providing safeguarding training sessions at the Pastoral Centre, St. Charles Street, Sheffield, S9 3WU. The dates are Saturday, 26th April 10.30am-12.30pm OR Wednesday 30th April, 6.00-8.00pm. The training is available to anyone, but is mandatory for all volunteers who carry out roles with children or vulnerable adults. Please see poster for further details, contact Jo Pearson on 0114 2566453 or email jpearson@hallam-diocese.com

MISSION DIRECTOR FOR ST VINCENT’S MISSION HUB, SHEFFIELD

Are you a committed Catholic and a gifted innovative leader with a real love for and ability to work with university students and young adults (age 18-35)? If so, you could be the next Mission Director for St Vincent’s Mission Hub, Sheffield offering day-to-day leadership for our mission.

The contract is for 3 days per week. For further information contact Jessica Moylan - jmoylan@hallam-diocese.com Closing date for applications – 27th April 2025.

2025 Jubilee Year Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

There are places still available on the 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Ralph and accompanied by diocesan Clergy, from 27th June - 3rd July 2025 but if you wish to travel, please apply before Easter so that the organisers can make the arrangements for the charter aircraft. Fare £899. Full

Board. Direct flight from Leeds Bradford Airport. Please email lourdesoffice@hallam-diocese.com if you intend to travel. Booking Forms can be downloaded from www.hallam-lourdes.com.

CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal

The Parish has sent £70 following the latest appeal. You can still donate via the Coppers for CAFOD jars in church, or donate online at cafod.org.uk/myanmar or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

Don’t forget, Deanery Penitential Service at Holy Rood 15th April at 7.00pm

There are also plenty of extra confession times at St Marie’s Cathedral, as follows
Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th April, 11.30am-12.15pm, also after 5.30pm Mass.
Wednesday 16th April, 4.30–5.15pm. Maundy Thursday (17th April), 11.00am–1.30pm.
Good Friday (18th April), 11.00am–12.00pm.

MASSES FOR HOLY WEEK

Tuesday 15th April	10.00am	Hoyland
Wednesday 16th April	10.00am	Wombwell
Maundy Thursday 17th April	7.00pm	Hoyland
Good Friday 18th April	3.00pm	Goldthorpe
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 19th April	8.00pm	Wombwell
Easter Sunday 20th April	9.00am	Goldthorpe
Easter Sunday 20th April	11.00am	Hoyland