

## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** Deuteronomy 30:10-14  
God's word is very close to us – in our mouth and heart – so that we can put it into practice.

**Responsorial Psalm** 69(68):14,17, 30-31, 33-34  
Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

**Second Reading** Colossians 1:15-20  
Jesus is the image of God and the firstborn of all creation.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life;  
You have the words of eternal life  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Luke 10:25-37  
When Jesus was asked what the most important commandment is, he told the story of the Good Samaritan.

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



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Sunday Year C

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

*"A Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion."*

## Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael's)	<b>12 Jul</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Mary Gaskin RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>13 Jul</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Kathleen Hanrahan Lac RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen's)	<b>13 Jul</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	People of the Parish
Tuesday (St Helen's)	15 Jul		NO MASS
Wednesday (St Michael's)	16 Jul		NO MASS
Thursday (St Helen's)	17 Jul		NO MASS
Friday (Sacred Heart)	18 Jul		NO MASS
<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael's)	<b>19 Jul</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Robert Alan Batty RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>20 Jul</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Milly Philips RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St. Helen's)	<b>20 Jul</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	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.

**Rosary** at Goldthorpe is every **Wednesday** at 1.30pm.

## COLLECTIONS

Date	Parish Collection	Standing Orders for June
5/6 July	£531.75	£1729.96

In 2018, marine archaeologists announced that, in the Black Sea, they had found an intact sunken Greek merchant ship dating from approximately 400 BC. The world's oldest-known intact shipwreck lies on its side, 1.5 miles deep and far beyond the reach of modern divers. Its cargo of wine, olive oil and other trading goods is untouched and undamaged. Experts think that the ship sank in bad weather, perhaps swamped by a massive freak wave. Even today, despite advanced on-board technology, such an unpredictable monster wave can swamp and sink a vessel, giving the crew no time to respond to the danger. Perhaps, when the wave struck, it simply sank like a stone. Perhaps this also explains why the ancient shipwreck appears undamaged. In 2004, an extreme wave struck Alderney, in the Channel Islands, with such force and pressure that it would have destroyed almost any merchant vessel sailing the high seas today. The Greek wooden trading ship and its crew didn't stand a chance.

Coincidentally, today's Gospel story of the Good Samaritan reminds us of the Good Samaritans who serve through the Coast Guard, lifeboat crews, helicopter rescue service and first responders who sometimes risk their own lives to save others.

Jesus was a fantastic storyteller. It's why even non-Christians and atheists will quite happily describe someone as "a Good Samaritan", knowing the meaning of the expression even if they don't know the story. In Jesus' day, any traveller risked meeting bandits. Traditionally, we associate highwaymen threatening their potential victims with the words "your money or your life". Did this happen to the traveller in Jesus' story or did the bandits just attack him anyway? Perhaps he put up a fight to defend himself and his property rather than just handing it over: we don't know and Jesus doesn't tell us. What he does say is that two people who should have been prepared to help the injured man ignored him. Perhaps they had good excuses for hurrying on towards Jerusalem. We don't know. Jesus, however, draws attention to a Samaritan, someone who was despised in Israel but who didn't think twice about responding to someone in need even if his support cost him time and money. Those who listened to Jesus were unimpressed: the priest and the Levite deserved greater

respect then Jesus gave them. Instead, he showed them someone to whom public opinion and social status meant nothing when somebody needed help. Did the injured man call out the equivalent of an SOS? We don't know. The Good Samaritan was the first responder and that was all that mattered. He'd saved a life and continued his journey without looking for thanks.

We take it for granted that any ship in distress will send an SOS or a Mayday signal and that other vessels and the emergency services, hearing the cry for help, will respond. We remember 25-year-old Jack Phillips, the *Titanic* wireless operator. Only four years after SOS became the official, internationally recognised call for help, Phillips sent urgent signals from the *Titanic*, hoping for a rescue that could save lives, knowing that his would not be one of them. His heroism on 15 April 1912 enabled 712 of the 2,208 people aboard to survive the ship's sinking. Through his persistence, the *Carpathia* and other ships travelled out of their way on their rescue mission to the *Titanic*. There were many Good Samaritans that day, most of whom are known only to God.

Seafarers still encounter risks, insecurity, loneliness, and often intense suffering and injustice. A young kitchen worker on a luxury cruise ship described earning less than £1 per hour for her illegally long shifts. Sailing in international waters, who checks on a crew's working conditions? What about the sailors who, bringing us fuel, food and other merchandise, braved the Red Sea and the possibility of being shelled during the Israel-Lebanon conflict? Then there were the naval vessels, themselves under threat, deployed to the Red Sea to protect the merchants... That's why we pray "for those in peril on the sea". May God be with them.

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### **Prayers for the Sick**

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially John Bainbridge, Ann Stones, Carl Potter, 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.

### **Mary English RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary English who died recently. The funeral service will take place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July in St Michael's church at 11.15am. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

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

The Bonus Ball number was 15. The winner in Hoyland was D Coefield. The winner in Goldthorpe was E Goddard, winning the rollover of £50!

### **Sea Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July Second Collection**

This weekend, please be generous with your support for Sea Sunday. You can also donate online to [www.stellamaris.org.uk](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk) or by **texting 'SEA' to 70460** to donate £5.

### **Fr. Declan**

Please keep Fr Declan in your prayers as he undergoes his long awaited hip operation on Monday.

We thank those priests who will be covering the weekend masses in our three churches. Please note that for the next few weeks, there will be NO weekday masses. If you need a priest in a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Damian on 01226 284961 or 07791554214.

### **Director of Education (Schools Commissioner)**

Bishop Ralph Heskett and the Trustees are seeking to appoint a full time Director of Education to continue to promote high quality, authentically Catholic education. The successful candidate will support all schools of the diocese, whilst delivering the strategic vision to create two Catholic Multi-Academy Trusts in Hallam. For more details please contact [schools@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:schools@hallam-diocese.com). The closing date is Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July.

### **Children's Liturgy at Goldthorpe**

We are taking a break from Children's Liturgy at Goldthorpe for the months of July and August and will begin again on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September. We look forward to seeing any of our parish children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion. Thank you. Maureen and Amanda

### **SVP Summer Raffle**

The St Vincent de Paul Society alleviates the effects of poverty and loneliness through its members, volunteers and staff by providing friendship, practical assistance and daily support to people in need in your area. With the purchase of each £1 ticket, you will be supporting the work of SVP groups or Support Centre within our community as well as the work of the national Society. Prizes are £5000 for 1<sup>st</sup>, £1000 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and £100 x 15. Please contact Liz Salmon 07877030827 or you can buy them online at [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk)

### **Food Collection**

Commencing on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July, there will be a collection point at each church for non-perishable food items to help feed children during the school holidays. Please be generous if you are able.

### **New Sunday Missal**

If you would like a new version of the Sunday Missal or have ordered one and have not yet received it, please let Fr Declan know or contact the office as we have now received a new batch. Cost per missal is £19.95