

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

**First Reading** Genesis 18:1-10  
Abraham greets the three men standing outside his home and offers them hospitality. His wife, Sarah, bakes bread for a meal. The men bring some amazing news – Sarah will soon have a son.

**Responsorial Psalm** 15(14):2-3a,3b-4b,5  
O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

**Second Reading** Colossians 1:24-28  
When he writes this letter, Paul is in prison. Though he suffers during his imprisonment, he rejoices because it is his work of service in spreading the message of Christ that has led him to be treated in this way.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Luke 10:38-42

Martha welcomes Jesus into her home and offers him hospitality. But she becomes annoyed when her sister Mary doesn't help her with the practical side of things.

## Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday 20th July 2025

Sunday Year C

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

*"She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak."*

## Service Times & Intentions

<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
Tuesday (St Helen's)	22 Jul		NO MASS
Wednesday (St Michael's)	23 Jul		NO MASS
Thursday (St Helen's)	24 Jul		NO MASS
Friday (Sacred Heart)	25 Jul		NO MASS
<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael's)	<b>26 Jul</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Mary Gaskin RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>27 Jul</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (St. Helen's)	<b>27 Jul</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Michael Tomlinson 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.

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

## COLLECTIONS

Date	Parish Collection	Standing Orders for June
12/13 July	£440.34	£1729.96

St Hildegard of Bingen was born in 1098, but her music is still performed today. She lived at a time when women were expected to conform to society's expectations and to be quiet, particularly in the face of authority. However, she felt driven by her faith to write hymns and anthems, for which she wrote both the music and the words. She was also joyously herself. "Dare to declare who you are", she wrote. "It is not far from the shores of silence to the boundaries of speech." Hildegard saw human beings as "living sparks" of God's love. She was able to see the intricate relationship between humanity, God and the living world. Her music traces this relationship, describing the cosmos in harmony. Women and men, trees, rivers, mountains and stars are all beautifully interwoven. Pope Francis today describes the world as "our common home" and names one of the greatest challenges of modern times as to care for creation. Hildegard of Bingen expressed this in her own way: "The Word is living, being, spirit, all verdant greening, all creativity. This Word manifests itself in every creature."

Today's Gospel follows on from the story of the sending out of the seventy-two, who will take nothing with them and will rely on the hospitality and welcome of the townspeople when they visit. Jesus is preparing his disciples to carry out the message that the kingdom of God is close at hand. He also tells the story of the Good Samaritan, the story of how to be a good neighbour. A good neighbour acts with love towards others, to the extent of feeling their pain deep inside. Today we hear how Jesus himself visits a village and is welcomed by Martha.

Jesus' way of interacting with, and including, women in his circle is very different from the cultural expectations of his time. Though this story is often used to draw our attention to the fact that we can be distracted by our day-to-day life from listening to the message of Christ, there is more to it than that. Here we see Mary, seated at the feet of Jesus, listening to him. As the US bishops remark in their footnotes to this Gospel, "[i]t is remarkable for first-century Palestinian Judaism that a woman would assume the posture of a disciple at the master's feet, and it reveals a characteristic attitude of Jesus towards women in this Gospel". Mary is welcomed and included,

and, as Jesus says, "Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

When we exclude people from our community, our "circle", we lose out on their gifts. Each of us is called to serve, but we each serve in our own way, bringing our special skills, our personality and our way of being and doing. If we tried to build a house by employing only a plumber, we would miss out on the skills and contribution of the electrician and the bricklayer. We need everyone – women and men, boys and girls. Hildegard of Bingen saw everyone as "living sparks" of God's love. Is this how we see others? Or are we a bit anxious or afraid if someone is different from us? Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson, who uses a wheelchair, often explains that she, like anyone else, wants to travel by train, but to be able to do that she needs a ramp and someone to assist her. In August 2024 she was forced to crawl off a train when no one arrived to help. Rather than being accepted and welcomed into normal social life, she was excluded. Jesus welcomed Mary and included her in his circle, although she was a woman and would therefore normally be excluded at that time. How do we make sure we welcome and include everyone in our parish and community, especially those who are usually left out or left behind? We are called to be welcoming and hospitable to all. We are called to live in harmony with each other and with the rest of creation.

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

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

The Bonus Ball number was 14. The winners were D Smith in Hoyland and T Swindells in Goldthorpe, each winning £25.

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

Thank you for your generous donations for Sea Sunday. The parish raised £197.73. You can still donate online to [www.stellamaris.org.uk](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk) or by **texting 'SEA' to 70460** to donate £5.

### **Pilgrimage of Hope September 2025**

The northern Pilgrimage of Hope from Leeds Cathedral to St Barnabas' Cathedral in Nottingham via St Marie's Cathedral in Sheffield and the Chapel of the Padley Martyrs. Calling at St Michael's on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September, starting with prayers and a shared table. On Monday morning, we will gather for prayers at 8.00am followed by breakfast. Pilgrims will continue their journey from about 9.00am, walking to St. Marie's cathedral in Sheffield. Our parishioners are most welcome to join the pilgrimage. Further information can be obtained from <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/new-st-mark-s-way-north>

### **Fr. Declan**

Please keep Fr Declan in your prayers as he recuperates from his hip operation. 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.

### **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.

The Salvation Army Food Bank (Straight Lane, Goldthorpe) are also very happy to receive donations on Mondays. Alison Sykes, the Salvation Army envoy, shared that particularly needed are cereal, long life milk, tinned hot dog sausages and snacks like crisps.

### **New Sunday Missal**

The new version of the Sunday Missal is now available from church. Cost per missal is £19.95

### **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.

### **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. Tickets will be on sale in the parish from this weekend. Contact Liz Salmon on 07877030827 or you can buy them online at [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk)

### **Dearne Churches Together Summer Fun Day - Wednesday 30 July**

The first DCT Summer Fun Day will take place 11am - 1pm in the Parish Hall and church grounds of St John & St Mary Magdalene Church, Lockwood Road, Goldthorpe, on Wednesday 30 July. Games, crafts and activities for all the family. Food and drink provided, but please contact Julie Turner on 07729 421405 or email [julie@gpcchurch.co.uk](mailto:julie@gpcchurch.co.uk) to book your place, so we have an idea of numbers for catering.

### **St Michael's Church Cleaners Required.**

If you can spare an hour or so of your time, please speak with Martin Hamstead. The number of cleaners has dwindled over the years and any extra help would be much appreciated. Thank you.