

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Genesis 18:20-32
Be persistent in prayer.

Responsorial Psalm 138(137):1-2a,2b-3,4-5,7c-8
On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

Second Reading Colossians 2:12-14
God has forgiven our sins and given us the chance to come alive with Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons,
By whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 11:1-13

Jesus teaches us how to pray the Our Father and invites us to search for him – for the one who asks always receives.

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



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Sunday 27th July 2025

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Year C

Weekday Cycle II

"Knock and the door will be opened to you"

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	26 Jul	5.30pm	Mary Gaskin RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	27 Jul	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen's)	27 Jul	11.00am	Michael Tomlinson RIP
Tuesday (St Helen's)	29 Jul		NO MASS
Wednesday (St Michael's)	30 Jul		NO MASS
Thursday (St Helen's)	31 Jul		NO MASS
Friday (Sacred Heart)	1 Aug		NO MASS
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	2 Aug	5.30pm	Patricia Cassidy RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	3 Aug	9.00am	Christine and Catherine Haigh RIP
Sunday (St. Helen's)	3 Aug	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.

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

COLLECTIONS

Date	Parish Collection	Standing Orders for June
19/20 July	£411.69	£1729.96

Holman Hunt's famous painting, "The Light of the World", shows Christ standing outside the door of our house, knocking patiently, holding a light. The door has no handle on the outside. Whoever is on the inside must open the door: a door, covered in ivy, which has never been opened before. The search is over when we open that door from the inside and realise that God has been there all the time, waiting for us. The one who searches will always find.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us the Our Father and encourages us to ask for the things we need saying: "What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread?" So, we shouldn't be shy about asking God for good things in prayer. As members of God's family, we can join Jesus in calling God our heavenly Father. The word Jesus uses here is "Abba" – best translated as "Dad" in modern English. This form of address would have been a shock to Jesus' listeners, who would have been used to prayers that stressed the majesty and otherness of God, not his closeness and intimacy. "Father" speaks of a new, less distant, more loving relationship between us and God.

We then pray for the coming of God's kingdom – this is not a kingdom of armies, thrones and worldly power but a kingdom of justice and peace. We, of course, are co-creators of this kingdom and that is to be our principal task in life. Earth is not a preparation for a heaven that is to come: it is the place where heaven is brought into being by our actions and our life with Christ – the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

We ask for our "daily bread", the practical and spiritual nourishment to sustain us, and we ask this not just for ourselves but for all in the world who go hungry. We then pray for forgiveness from God in the same way that we forgive those who hurt us. The Gospel makes clear that you cannot live an authentic life unless you are prepared to forgive. Forgiveness is the essential foundation of all our relationships, and it is because God has first forgiven us that we are enabled to forgive others.

So, let us return to Holman Hunt's ivy-clad door. Jesus tells us today that if we search we will find, and "the door will be opened to you". But what is it that is preventing us from following Christ more faithfully and pushing that door wide open? Are we afraid that he will make demands on us that we cannot go along with? Changes to our life

that will be disruptive and lead to unhappiness, perhaps? Do we think that we are not worthy of God's friendship because of things we have done in the past? Are we stuck in a cosy routine, a way of thinking and living that we are afraid to challenge or disturb? Do we want to keep God at a distance, keeping things as they are – God is something for an hour on Sunday perhaps but no more? Have we had negative experiences of church that have disillusioned us? Has past sadness, disappointment or tragedy left us feeling hostile towards God?

If you are asking these questions, then you have already chosen the right path. Our life is a pilgrimage, a journey where we search for meaning, ask questions, seek something better and strive to be the best version of ourselves. If we are asking questions and looking for answers then we are halfway there. Opening the door to Christ is rarely a "thunderbolt moment" but a quiet and calm acceptance and realisation that I am loved, and that is enough, and all will be well. The Gospel tells us that our life is not so much about reaching out to find God as it is about God reaching out to find us. God does not withhold himself from us, but we can withhold ourselves from him. Finding him is really allowing him to find us.

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us that our heavenly Father will "give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him". So, spend some time this week confidently asking God to send you his Spirit. And then ask for this same Spirit to come down upon your family and loved ones, and then perhaps on those who are further afield or those with whom you don't always see eye to eye. Our God is a giving God, but before we can receive, we must first learn how to open the door and ask.

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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 Hault, 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 15. The winners were D Coefield in Hoyland and E Goddard in Goldthorpe, each winning £25.

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 7th 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 13th 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. The closing date is Thursday 31st 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 1st, £1000 for 2nd 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

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 to book your place, so we have an idea of numbers for catering.

Hallam Bridge

There are a few copies of the latest edition Hallam Bridge, the news from Hallam Diocese, at the back of church.

The file will be available for everyone on the Diocese website: hallam-diocese.com

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.