

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Wisdom 18:6-9
God is faithful and saves his people when they are in need.

Responsorial Psalm 33(32):1,12,18-19, 20,22
Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

Second Reading Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-19
Even though they did not live to see it fulfilled, Abraham and Sarah had faith in God's promise.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 12:32-48
Jesus tells us that where our treasure is, that is where our hearts will be.

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

"Treasure that will never fail you"

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	9 Aug	5.30pm	Tony Wood RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	10 Aug	9.00am	Private Intention
Sunday (St Helen's)	10 Aug	11.00am	People of the Parish
Monday (Sacred Heart)	11 Aug	1.45pm	Requiem for Trisha O'Hanlon
Tuesday (St Michael's)	12 Aug	1.45pm	Funeral Service for Pauline Coldwell
Wednesday (St Michael's)	13 Aug		NO MASS
Thursday (St Helen's)	14 Aug		NO MASS
Friday (Sacred Heart)	15 Aug		Kathleen (Lac) Hanrahan RIP
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	16 Aug	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	17 Aug	9.00am	Christine and Catherine Haigh RIP
Sunday (St. Helen's)	17 Aug	11.00am	Audrey O'Neill 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 July
2/3 August	£494.99	£1762.91

I suppose if you mentioned the name of St Francis of Assisi to some people it would bring a smile to many a face, whether Christian or not. They may not know much about him, but they have an idea that he loved nature, and didn't he once preach to the birds? There are many delightful tales about the life of St Francis, and whether or not he preached to the birds it doesn't matter; it's the sort of thing that he could and would have done. But to think of Francis as just a nature lover is too simple. It was because he saw in Jesus, who was God, who became human, that God's love flowed over, as it were, into all creation as the most beautiful expression of God's loving kindness. Brother Sun and Sister Moon, Brother Fire and Sister Water, Francis gave them personalities of their own. But Francis wasn't always like that. He was born over 800 years ago in the little town of Assisi in Italy. His father was a rich cloth merchant and when he was a young man Francis loved the high life, fancy clothes, going out with his pals, singing the songs of the troubadours about courtly love and chivalry. He wanted to become a knight and ride into battle, so he joined an expedition from Assisi to fight against another town with which they had quarrelled. Francis' world fell apart. He was captured and put in prison and came out a changed man. Jesus had touched his heart and Francis lost his heart in Jesus. He gave up his finery and put on a peasant's clothes. He went about preaching, and the joy that radiated from him attracted other people to join him. Soon the little group became hundreds and then thousands and took on the form of a religious order. In religious orders the members make vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. With Francis' "Little Brothers" it was slightly different; the word "poverty" was changed to "without owning anything". Francis didn't need possessions because he had found his treasure deep in the heart of his loving Lord.

In the first couple of verses in today's Gospel we hear Jesus comforting and reassuring his disciples. Not all their preaching had gone well, and they were down at heart. We could imagine Jesus smiling and saying gently to them, "Don't be afraid, little flock", and encouraging them by reminding them that, whatever difficulties they faced, nothing compared to the fact that they were part of the kingdom of God. In the next few verses, Luke seems to be addressing a wider audience that includes what

we might call “church officials”, as well as the immediate disciples. Jesus asks them to consider what is their heart’s desire and what gets in the way of it. We might remember the story of the rich young man who came to Jesus and asked what he must do to inherit life: Jesus told him to obey the commandments. The young man said he had kept them. Then we are told Jesus looked at him, loved him and said that there was one more thing the young man needed to do: give away his possessions so that he could help people who didn’t have enough to live on. The young man went away sad, because he was very rich. Some commentators write off the young man, but we don’t know what happened to him. Perhaps he prayed about what Jesus had told him and did give his things away. When St Francis wrote in his Rule that his brothers must live without owning anything, he understood Jesus’ words: “Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also.” If we’re not on our guard, our possessions can turn on us and actually possess us. Peter asked Jesus, “Is this parable for us or for everyone?” I think we can take it that it’s for everyone, especially for those of us who are clergy, bishops, priests, deacons and popes. Jesus expects us to be faithful stewards of his household and not to look for power and praise. In one of his sermons, Pope Francis warned the clergy about three temptations. One was vanity: looking for admiration from devoted followers. Another was the desire for money and the last was the lust for power. Pope Francis said if we want to climb to high positions in the Church, it would be better if we went mountain climbing. It’s much healthier.

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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.

Trisha O’Hanlon RIP

Requiem mass is at Sacred Heart, Goldthorpe, on Monday 11th August at 1.45pm. Celebrant will be Fr Damian Humphries.

Pauline Coldwell RIP

Overnight Repose will be at St. Michael’s church on Monday 11th August at 4.00pm, followed by the funeral service on Tuesday, 12th August at 1.45pm.

Food Collection

Please continue to donate non-perishable food items to help feed children during the school holidays. Please leave at the back of church. The Salvation Army Food Bank (Straight Lane, Goldthorpe) are also very happy to receive donations on Mon/Wed/Fri of each week. Alison Sykes, the Salvation Army envoy, is very grateful for donations, but currently low on shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, Pot Noodles, crisps, sweets/chocolate

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.

SVP Summer Raffle

Tickets are available from Liz Salmon in each of our three churches. 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. £5000 for 1st, £1000 for 2nd and £100 x 15. Tickets are available from Liz Salmon in each of our three churches Contact Liz on 07877030827 or you can buy them online at www.svp.org.uk

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Friday 15th August

This coming Friday is a Holy Day of Obligation, marking the feast of the Glorious Assumption. At the time of printing the newsletter, the masses in our parish have yet to be finalised, so please visit the parish facebook page for more up to date information. There is a vigil mass at Our Lady’s, Worsbrough at 7.00pm on Thursday 14th and at 10.00am in Holy Rood on Friday 15th.

If you are unable to attend a mass, Canon Law 1245 can dispense parishioners from a Holy Day of Obligation

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The Bonus Ball number was 56. T Giles was the winner in Hoyland winning £25. In Goldthorpe there was no winner so next week will be a rollover.

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>

Raffle for Amelia – results

1st Prize	407	(serial number AD 782040)	M & S Food Hamper
2nd Prize	21	(serial number AD 366999)	Booze Hamper
3rd Prize	307	(serial number AD 782040)	£40.00 Tesco voucher
4th Prize	27	(serial number AD 366999)	£30.00 Beauty treatment voucher
5th Prize	79	(serial number AD 353986)	£20.00 Morrisons voucher

Total money raised was £841.00, which included ticket sales plus donations. Thanks to everyone who helped with selling raffle tickets and donating any prizes and to those who so generously bought raffle tickets, making Corpus Christi fund raising for our young parishioner a success!

New Sunday Missal

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