

20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Gospel Acclamation
<b>First Reading</b> Jeremiah 38: 4-6. 8-10 A prophet is rejected in his own land.	<b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b> My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, And I know them, and they follow me.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> 40(39):2,3,4,18 Lord, make haste to help me!	<b>Alleluia!</b>
<b>Second Reading</b> Hebrews 12:1-4 To follow the Lord is to run the race, steadily, constantly, always with Jesus in our sights.	<b>Gospel</b> Luke 12:49-53 Loyalty to our faith can mean paying a hard price.

### Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael's)	<b>16 Aug</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>17 Aug</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Christine and Catherine Haigh RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen's)	<b>17 Aug</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Audrey O'Neill RIP
Tuesday (St Helen's)	19 Aug		NO MASS
Wednesday (St Michael's)	20 Aug		NO MASS
Thursday (St Helen's)	21 Aug		NO MASS
Friday (Sacred Heart)	22 Aug		NO MASS
<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael's)	<b>23 Aug</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Fr Brian Davies RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>24 Aug</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Private Intention
<b>Sunday</b> (St. Helen's)	<b>24 Aug</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 July
2/3 August	£613.42	£1762.91

## Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday 17th August 2025

Sunday Year C

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

*"Treasure that will never fail you"*

*Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth?*

You might remember playing a traditional card game when you were children, called Happy Families. The aim was to acquire sets of cards, all with the same family members. It wasn't clear what made them happy, except that once they were in a set, they were all together, united. That is really the family ideal: that everyone will be united and together. Yet we know how many families do not achieve this ideal. The fallings out may be trivial, often begun by a row everyone has now forgotten. Or they might be over something serious, such as one person causing the rest to end up in debt or lose their home. Sometimes, it might be over an issue of conscience. One person might have a belief the others do not share and so that person becomes separated from the ones they love. The division might seem insurmountable. Jesus' message is one usually associated with peace. From the angels who appeared in the sky at his birth, declaring peace on earth and goodwill to all, to his own words to his disciples – "peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you" – peace is a recurring theme throughout Jesus' ministry. Yet here in Luke's Gospel, we have words of Jesus that make for very uncomfortable reading. They suggest that Jesus will instead be an inspirer of conflict, setting family against family, and that, rather than peace, he stands for division. But note how this Gospel begins: "I came to cast fire to the earth". This is not someone, saying "carry on as before". This is someone warning his followers: "Things must change around here. I've come to make a difference, not continue with the status quo." For Christians raised in Christian families in an at least nominally Christian society, this passage may seem jarring. But imagine if you lived in a very different world, where being a Christian was rare and you had to stand up for your beliefs, even causing a split with your family. It would be a huge challenge to your conscience – whether to go against your parents, perhaps, and to strike out on your own, for Christ.

Jesus' words here must have shaken his followers out of any complacency they had left. And for us, they can perform the same service. It is all too easy to think that we have been baptised; we've been raised as Catholics; we go to Mass; we are doing our bit as Christians. But baptism is not simply a joyful occasion, celebrated on our

behalf by our parents and godparents when we were babies, or the reason for a party if we are baptised when we are older. It marks the moment when we enter into following Christ – and his baptism led to the completion of his ministry – to his resurrection, but via the cross. The Christian vocation is one of service and sacrifice, however joyful it is, because of the graces given to us through baptism and following Jesus' way.

Just as the accounts of Jesus' ministry are dotted with references to peace, they also make it clear that his values are not the values of the world. This is not someone talking about having a quiet life when he refers to peace but something very different – a peace that the world cannot give. A peace that comes from fulfilling God's mission. Yet he understands the courage that fulfilling this mission will require, constantly reassuring his disciples not to be afraid, not to let their hearts be troubled. Instead, we need to keep our eyes on Jesus, as the reading from the Hebrews tells us, to not lose sight of him as we keep going on the race we have started: in other words, our own discipleship.

Of course, this discipleship is not something that is a solitary pursuit. Jesus' followers were a band of brothers, a group that shared their belief in him. In our own discipleship we can better muster our courage if we have others alongside us. But perhaps the greatest challenge of discipleship is finding a way to repair divisions. Although the Gospel reading here warns us of the difficulties we face, it also hints at an even greater task ahead: how we respond to the divisions we face, whether we find some way through, some means of healing, of repairing the past bonds that have been broken.

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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.

### **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.

### **Dearne Churches Together Summer Fun Day - Wednesday 20th August**

The third DCT Summer Fun Day will take place 12 noon to 2pm at Thurnscoe Plaza. Bring your own picnic, fruit and drinks provided. 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 attending. Thank you.

### **SVP Summer Raffle**

Thank you for your generous contributions for the SVP Raffle. Liz Salmon will be in each of our three churches selling tickets for the final time this weekend, though you can still buy them online at [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk). £5000 for 1<sup>st</sup>, £1000 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and £100 x 15

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

The Bonus Ball number was 23. M Smith was the winner in Hoyland winning £25. In Goldthorpe the winner was M Booth winning the rollover of £50.

### **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>

### **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.

### **World Youth Day Gratitude from Amelia.**

I would like to say thank you to all the parishioners at Corpus Christ whose generosity through the raffle and other kind donations made it possible for me to attend World Youth Day in Rome. It was an incredible, once-in-a-lifetime experience - memorable, moving and truly unforgettable - that would have not been possible without your support. I am genuinely grateful to everyone who contributed either privately, through the raffle and other donations. Your generosity provided a unique opportunity in helping me to get there. Thank you sincerely, Amelia

### **Free Wellbeing Course for Women - six weekly sessions from Thursday 28th August at 6.30-7.30pm online.**

A free four -week course for a happier and more relaxed you.

Join us to explore;

**Emotional Self-care** – Emotional self-care allows us to take time for the benefit of our health and well-being.

**Thinking about putting your own needs first** - building your resilience.

**Being more assertive and setting boundaries** – so that you can communicate better and more effectively at home and work.

**Stress and relaxation techniques** – learning new skills for a more relaxed you.

**Build resilience and recover from trauma** – To move forward in your life.

Come and join us for these relaxed, friendly and supportive sessions!

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