

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** Sirach 3:17-20. 28-29  
Be humble in all you do, and you will be loved.

**Responsorial Psalm** 68(67):4-5ac,6-7b, 10-11  
In your goodness, O God, you provide a home for the poor.

**Second Reading** Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24  
Jesus makes a new promise of his love for poor and oppressed people.

## Gospel Acclamation

### Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord,  
And learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

### Alleluia!

### Gospel Luke 14:1. 7-14

Jesus teaches us about humility and generosity. He shows the importance of helping those who are often overlooked and marginalised, reflecting God's love and grace.

## Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

*"When you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind."*

## Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael's)	<b>30 Aug</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Owen Jenkinson Illness
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>31 Aug</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Private Intention
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen's)	<b>31 Aug</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	People of the Parish
Tuesday (St Helen's)	2 Sep		NO MASS
Wednesday (St Michael's)	3 Sep		NO MASS
Thursday ( St Helen's)	4 Sep		NO MASS
Friday (Sacred Heart)	5 Sep		NO MASS
<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael's)	<b>6 Sep</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	For the intention of Kitty and Martin Hamstead
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>7 Sep</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Ruth Campbell RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St. Helen's)	<b>7 Sep</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
23/24 August	£515.02	£1762.91

The Thomas Merton House of Hospitality in the United States city of Bridgeport, Connecticut, opened on a November evening in 1974. On that evening, volunteers went out onto the streets and invited people to come in for a free sit-down meal. A handful of men who lived on the streets took them up on the offer. Within a few weeks, the house was feeding forty people, then sixty, each day. "We were serving a hearty soup, plus bread, and every doughnut shop in town gave us what didn't sell out by 4 p.m.," said one volunteer.

The founders were a prayer group started by a priest from the local Sacred Heart University who had noticed homeless and hungry people as he walked around the city. He was stunned by the hunger he witnessed in a wealthy and powerful nation. Founders were inspired by the Catholic Worker movement and its houses of hospitality like those begun by Dorothy Day. More than just a place to pick up food, the house was to be a place of hospitality, a corner of respite for those on the margins of society. Its name was inspired by Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk and writer on social justice activism.

Fifty years later, the Thomas Merton Family Centre serves 350 meals a day in a city where over twenty per cent of people still live in poverty. Acknowledging and respecting the dignity of each person who comes to the centre drives the work. An organiser says: "Our mission is to respect people and meet them where they are."

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches that we must give without expecting anything in return. His followers must practise unconditional love and mercy. Jesus urges hosts of meals not to invite only friends, family, or the rich, since they are able to repay with a corresponding invitation. Such social reciprocity is the backbone of a patronage system that Jesus criticised. Instead, Jesus calls for inclusion of those who could not return the invitation: "the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind".

The Gospel deals with people eating together. The kingdom of God is often pictured as a banquet – a meal for everyone, not just a private dinner. All the dishes on the table are for everyone equally. There is enough and more for every single person's needs. It is an occasion of sharing and joyfulness. If we are there, our joy should be that we are invited to this meal. We cannot be concerned with comparing ourselves

to the other guests. We are told that we shouldn't think so highly of ourselves that we put ourselves above other people.

Not only are there to be no distinctions in invitations to the banquet, but there are also to be no distinctions at the table. There is somewhere for everyone and places are not arranged by status. Christ's way is not about distinctions or separation among people but about love of God and neighbour. It is about open hospitality and a desire to include those outside our usual social circles.

Today, we learn about generosity and humility. Right now, we are attending a Christian banquet, the Eucharist. What links do we see between our sharing of the bread and wine that is the Body and Blood of Jesus and the sharing of food and conversation that takes place at our own dining tables or the tables of others?

In the UK last year, foodbanks in the Trussell Trust network distributed more than three million emergency food parcels. This highlighted the extent of hardship facing communities across the UK, another of the world's richest countries. Many parishes are involved with foodbanks, providing essential food to individuals and families. You can investigate what is happening locally. Parishes collect food and volunteers help welcome people coming to foodbanks, serve refreshments, help pack and sort food and set up and clear away. Many parishes are also involved in outreach to homeless people facing food poverty. But the need for charity provision in richer countries must inspire us to identify the root causes of social inequality and work to tackle them. This will mean working on social justice, inspired by the Church's Social Teaching. Engagement with politicians will be part of this.

Today's Gospel asks us to recognise the presence of the Lord in ourselves and in others and honour that presence. Perhaps at our own tables this autumn we can extend friendship and hospitality to people who might be lonely and vulnerable. This is Christian humility: rejoicing in who we and who others are before the Lord.

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### **Prayers for the Sick**

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Marie Gilliver, Ian Coombs, 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 Houlton, Michael Bennett, Janette Barber, Paddy McNicholas, David Hardy, Tess Lynch, Hannah Prentiss, Thomas Collins, Norma Marshall, Val Armstrong, Margaret Booker, Norah Preuss.

### **Needy Parishes**

Next weekend there will be a collection for those parishes that need a little extra help.

### **Pilgrimage of Hope**

Pilgrimage of Hope - St Mark's Way is coming to Corpus Christi Parish Sunday 7th September at 4.30pm. Please join us in welcoming the pilgrims to St Michael's church hall, Wombwell. Share a meal and pray together. Bring a dish to share, hot or cold, sweet or savoury. Contact by text or phone Liz on 07877030827 to book your table. Everyone is Welcome.

Further information 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, there will be NO weekday masses until October.

If you need a priest in a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Damian on 01226 284961 or 07791554214.

### **Tea and Book Sale with SVP 13<sup>th</sup> September**

From 3.30pm-5pm and again after Mass until 7.30pm. Taking place in the Baptistry at the back of St Michael's Church, Wombwell. Join us for a cuppa and find out what your SVP are doing in this area. There will be a nearly new book sale with all proceeds for the benefit of those we assist. Please come along and support your local SVP All Welcome.

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

The Bonus Ball number was 5. The winners were E Cooper in Hoyland and T Haigh in Goldthorpe, each winning £50 rollovers!

### **National Day of Prayer for Survivors - CANCELLED**

The event on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm in St. Theresa's Parish Hall, Sheffield, has been cancelled.

### **Children's Liturgy at Goldthorpe - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

Our Children's Liturgy will begin again at Goldthorpe during 9.00am mass. Any children who have Not Yet made their First Holy Communion are very welcome to join us. As usual, two groups - 3-5yrs old with Amanda Campbell and 6-8yrs old with Maureen Greaves. Both of us are DBS-checked and we follow the programme approved by the Diocese. We are looking forward to seeing everybody after our summer break.

### **Craft Group**

The Craft Group meet once a fortnight on Thursday morning in the Parish rooms at Wombwell from 10.00am until 12.30pm. The next meeting will be on 4<sup>th</sup> September. All are welcome, and please feel free to come to knit, sew, crochet and natter, or just for a cuppa!

### **Marist Way and Rosary at Goldthorpe**

The Rosary at Goldthorpe is every **Wednesday** at 1.30pm. The Rosary will be combined with the Marist Way once a month. The next Marist Meeting with Rosary is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Diocesan Jubilee Mass for all Altar Servers - Saturday 20 September**

You are invited to a Mass of thanksgiving on Saturday 20th September 2025 at 10.30am at Holy Rood Church, Barnsley, S70 1AX with principal celebrant Rt Rev. Ralph Heskett, Bishop of Hallam. Altar Servers to bring Alb and Cincture or Cassock/Cotta and Guild Medal if enrolled. Arrive by 10.00am for vesting in the Church Hall. Refreshments will be provided after Mass. The National Honorary President of the Guild of St Stephen will be in attendance.