

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** Wisdom 9:13-18. 40  
God's thinking and ours are not the same. We are given the gift of discernment by the Holy Spirit, but this comes from daily prayer and the humility to know that we need God's guidance.

**Responsorial Psalm** 90:3-4,5-6,12-13, 14,17  
O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.

**Second Reading** Philemon 9-10. 12-17  
In a very personal letter revealing his own feelings, Paul appeals to Philemon on behalf of his runaway slave, Onesimus. Paul argues cannily but wisely leaves the way open for Philemon to freely make his own choice.

**Gospel Acclamation**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Let your face shine forth on your servant, and teach me your decrees.  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Luke 14:25-33  
Jesus' words remind us that God has a different way of seeing things, and God's wisdom is beyond ours.

## Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Weekday Cycle II

*"Any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple."*

Luke 14:33

## Service Times & Intentions

<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
Tuesday (St Helen's)	9 Sep		NO MASS
Wednesday (St Michael's)	10 Sep		NO MASS
Thursday ( St Helen's)	11 Sep		NO MASS
Friday (Sacred Heart)	12 Sep		NO MASS
<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael's)	<b>13 Sep</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>14 Sep</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Tricia O'Hanlon RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St. Helen's)	<b>14 Sep</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Andrew J Marren 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..

## COLLECTIONS

Date	Parish Collection	Standing Orders for August
30/31 August	£472.58	£1629.96

The drama film *Hacksaw Ridge* tells the true story of Desmond Doss, a conscientious objector who served as a medic during World War II. Because of his Christian beliefs, Doss refused to carry weapons yet still enlisted in the American army. Mocked and rejected by his comrades, during the horrific Battle of Okinawa Doss saved seventy-five men single-handedly without firing a shot. His heroism earned him the Medal of Honour, making him the first conscientious objector to receive this prestigious award. Doss was a Christian whose actions made no sense to his family or to the army, but he trusted that God would help him to find a way to follow Jesus' teachings faithfully despite all arguments to the contrary. Following Jesus is a risky business and doesn't always line up with worldly wisdom, but God's wisdom is trustworthy.

Rabbinical teaching often used extreme or apparently outrageous language to make a point, and we see Jesus doing that here. He certainly doesn't use the word "hate" as we would mean it today. He makes clear in the rest of his teaching that love is the overarching virtue. He clearly loved his mother and his friends and doesn't teach us to ignore the claims of love. But he does make clear elsewhere that the kingdom of God requires us to think of all humankind as our kin – our parents and children, brothers and sisters. This is at the heart of the Eucharist and of the Gospel. Many of Christianity's great saints have cared for poor people and those whom the world ignores or mistreats with that kind of love. It means that self-advantage, or even the advantage of our own family or social class, can't outweigh the demands of Christian love. This is why Christianity was persecuted in the early Church for "crimes against the human race", because the people of the ancient world found it shocking not to put the interests of one's own tribe, clan, class or family first. But Jesus, who asks us to love one another as he has loved us, makes a higher demand. How will we respond?

How do we make sense of the teaching of Jesus when it flies in the face of common sense and society's idea of how things should be? Many of the great saints responded to the Gospel in ways that seemed crazy, if not downright outrageous. St Francis of Assisi gave away the goods that his father had worked so hard to acquire.

When his father objected and brought his wayward son in front of the town's mayor and then the bishop to be dealt with, Francis stripped naked in front of the whole town and handed his father's clothes back to him. St Clare, like many holy women, ran away from her family's control to prevent being forced into an unwanted marriage, although that marriage would have led to affluence, position and prestige. Does this mean that parents who have ambitions or hopes for their children are wrong? Does it mean that working hard for a living is wrong? Surely not, in an absolute sense. But God's will is different for each of us, according to our own personality and temperament. And sometimes God calls us to stand out, to be prophetic, in a world that too easily values self-interest above justice and charity. God invites each of us to be a Gospel for others, to embody Jesus in ways both great and small. It takes courage and risk to do this.

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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**

This 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>

### **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.

### **Blessed Carlo Acutis Relics Tour**

The First Class Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis will be at St Peter's RC Church, Castle Road, Scarborough during the weekend 20th-21st September. Programme will include Mass, Adoration, Veneration of the Relic, Talk, Q & A session. Details of timings will be available from this weekend from the church website:

[www.scarboroughcatholicparishes.org.uk](http://www.scarboroughcatholicparishes.org.uk)

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

The Bonus Ball number was 16. The winners were M McAllister in Hoyland and R Whitfield in Goldthorpe, each winning £25.

### **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.

### **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

### **Date Night @ The Hub - Keep Your Love Alive**

Fri 26th Sep 2025 7:00pm-9:30pm. St Vincent's Mission Hub, Sheffield, S1 4DE. Join us for an uplifting evening of prayer and praise, followed by cheese and wine! Date Night@The Hub, is here to offer couples (married or engaged) dedicated time with each other and the Lord! Amidst the busy pace of marriage and family life, we know how hard it can be to make time for our spouses and time for prayer. Date Night is here to help couples carve out time for the important rather than just the urgent, with the opportunity for Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, followed by wine and cheese. The evening will begin with 7pm Mass followed by a Holy Hour from 7:30pm with Confessions available. The evening will conclude with a wine and cheese. Tickets are £10 each and available at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stvincentsmissionhub/1816075>