

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading 2 Kings 5:14-17
Naaman, considered a foreigner, receives healing and wishes to express his gratitude and faith in the God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm 98(97):1,2-3b,3c-4
The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-13
No matter what life throws at us, if we belong to Christ, then we shall have life in him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ for you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19
We hear the familiar story of the ten lepers who were cured, but only one returned to give thanks and praise.

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



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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

"Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Luke 17:18

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	11 Oct	5.30pm	Barry Pierrepoint RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	12 Oct	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen's)	12 Oct	11.00am	Fr John Cashman RIP
Tuesday (St Helen's)	14 Oct		NO MASS
Wednesday (St Michael's)	15 Oct		NO MASS
Thursday (St Helen's)	16 Oct		NO MASS
Friday (Sacred Heart)	17 Oct		NO MASS
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	18 Oct	5.30pm	Anthony Wood RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	19 Oct	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St. Helen's)	19 Oct	11.00am	Deceased members of the O'Donovan Family

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 Tuesday 7.00-8.00pm.

Please note the change to Tuesdays instead of Thursdays.

COLLECTIONS

Date	Parish Collection	Standing Orders for September
28/29 September	£546.92	£1764.96
4/5 October	£478.35	

Joni Mitchell, the great singer-songwriter, wrote, "You don't know what you've got 'til it's gone." In a single line, she captured the unfortunate reality that we all take so many things for granted. Instead of being aware of, and grateful for, what we have, we often only appreciate things when they're missing – or perhaps when we've lost someone or something.

We can say the same about the practice of gratitude – we really recognise its importance when we experience its absence or its opposite. There's something beautiful about gratitude, just as there's something ugly about ingratitude or an arrogant sense of entitlement. Maybe you've had the experience of being taken for granted, or having your generosity or effort accepted as if it were no big deal. If you've had that happen to you, then you'll know how hurtful ingratitude can be. Even though our motivation for doing things is not to receive thanks or praise, when we meet with ingratitude, then our gift can be somehow spoiled.

Today's Gospel story of the ten lepers is a great illustration of how important actually expressing our gratitude is. "One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks." This man expresses his gratitude at the top of his voice, happy for all to hear. There's no mumbled, embarrassed, offhand, "thanks a lot" or "cheers, mate!" His thanksgiving is evident to everyone as he throws himself at Jesus' feet in humble praise. He has no qualms about letting the world know that something wonderful, unexpected and undeserved has happened. His thanksgiving is wholehearted and joyful, and he freely recognises that he owes the Lord a huge debt of gratitude. He realises that God is present and active both in his healing and in the person of Jesus, the one who healed him by the power of God.

This can be our approach in life, too. After all, everything we have and are comes to us as an undeserved gift from God, not because we've earned it or are entitled to it. As the Trappist monk Thomas Merton said, "To be grateful is to recognise the love of God in everything God has given us – and God has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of God's love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from God." Cultivating a grateful heart involves

fostering this awareness of God's presence and his blessings in our lives while responding with humility, love, and service of others.

So, how can we make gratitude part of our lives? Well, why not start when you open your eyes first thing in the morning? Before you make another move, just pray a simple prayer: "Lord, thank you for this new day. May I spend it to your glory and in your service." Make gratitude a regular part of your prayer life. Start and end your day by thanking God for specific blessings, both big and small. The word "Eucharist" itself means thanksgiving, so we can focus on praising and thanking God when we attend Mass.

Another good habit is to practise awareness of God's presence by recognising God in everyday moments. Whether it's the beauty of creation, a kind gesture, or unexpected grace in a difficult time, take time to notice God's presence in your life. The more we do this, the more of a good habit it becomes; we find ourselves saying "thank you" to God, to our family members, to co-workers, and to people we meet in chance encounters.

Gratitude inspires us to give back. When we realise how much we have received, then we're more likely to serve our parish, community, or our family as an act of thanksgiving to God. Our Lady is a great example to us in this regard. She put herself at the service of God and of humanity and she sang the great song of praise and thanksgiving known as the "Magnificat". During the Jubilee we remember Mary as she joyfully proclaims, "My soul glorifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour." We too can make these words of praise and gratitude our own.

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or household parishioners. We remember especially Kath and Tony Lees, Kitty Hamstead, 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 Hoult, Janette Barber, Paddy McNicholas, David Hardy, Tess Lynch, Hannah Prentiss, Thomas Collins, Norma Marshall, Val Armstrong, Margaret Booker, Norah Preuss.

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Rosina Atkinson, Esther Nicholson and Michael Bennett who died recently. Please keep their families and friends in your prayers. Michael Bennett will be received into Sacred Heart, Goldthorpe on Monday 27th October at 4.00pm, with the funeral mass on Tuesday 28th October at 10.30am. Rosina Atkinson's funeral mass will take place on Thursday 30th October at 11.00am in Sacred Heart, Goldthorpe

Resumption of Weekday Masses

Starting from Wednesday 22nd October at St Michael's, Fr Declan will resume celebrating mass during the week. Thursday mass will be at St Helen's and Friday mass will be at Sacred Heart, all at 10.00am. For the time being, there will not be mass on Tuesdays.

Marist Way and Rosary at Goldthorpe

The Rosary at Goldthorpe will be 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 October 15th.

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The Bonus Ball on Saturday 27th September was 59. The winner in Hoyland was M Harrison winning £25. There was no winner in Goldthorpe. The Bonus Ball on the October was 42. L & M Redfern were the winners in Hoyland winning £25. The winner in Goldthorpe was C Jones, winning the rollover of £50.

Annual Mass Count

Please continue the mass count this week, the final count for the Diocese this year. Thank you.

Agewell Table Top Sale Wednesday 26th November 1-3pm

To take place in St Michael's Church Hall. Tables £10 each. Please contact Jeanne Hayworth on 07581 486822

World Mission Sunday 19th October

Next weekend there will be a second collection for World Mission Sunday, the one Sunday in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission. All the donations from Masses go entirely towards supporting churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal Friday, 3rd October

Thank you for your generous donations following the Family Fast Day appeal. The amount you have raised so far is £761.30. Don't forget, you can still send in your CAFOD envelopes, not forgetting to use the Gift Aid slip if you are a UK tax payer, or donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10, or use the QR code to donate.



Mass of Thanksgiving for All Volunteers

Bishop Ralph will be the principle celebrant at the mass at Immaculate Conception, Rotherham S65 3BA on Saturday 15th November at 11am. The National Jubilee Icon will be on display, refreshments will be served after Mass.

Children's Liturgy 9.00am 12th October, Sacred Heart, Goldthorpe

Open to any children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion. 3-5 year olds with Amanda and 6-8 year olds with Maureen.

Family and Group stays at Castlerigg Manor, Lake District 27-31 Oct

Castlerigg Manor is a Retreat Centre owned by the Diocese of Lancaster. There are still vacancies for family groups, individuals and other small groups for a budget get-away. Book at Stay With Us – Lancaster Youth Service// Castlerigg Manor or email direct to director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Benediction and Rosary Rally for Peace – St Mary Magdelene, Cudworth

You are all welcome to join in on Sunday, 19th October at 3.00pm