

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading Malachi 4:1-2a To honour God is to find energy and joy. Responsorial Psalm 98(97):5-6,7-8a,8b-9b,9cd The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness. Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 Paul encourages us to follow his example and to work hard.	Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Alleluia! Gospel Luke 21:5-19 Jesus foretells the destruction of the Temple and chaos, but those who remain faithful to him will survive and find life.
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Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	15 Nov	5.30pm	Julia and David Hill RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	16 Nov	9.00am	Paddy and Miley Connors RIP
Sunday (St Helen's)	16 Nov	11.00am	People of the Parish
Monday	17 Nov		
Tuesday	18 Nov		
Wednesday (St Michael's)	19 Nov	7.00pm	Tess Lynch RIP
Thursday (St Helen's)	20 Nov	10.00am	Alan Rich RIP
Friday (Sacred Heart)	21 Nov	10.00am	Michael Bennett RIP
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	22 Nov	5.30pm	Deceased members of the Beard Family
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	23 Nov	9.00am	Trish O'Hanlon RIP
Sunday (St. Helen's)	23 Nov	11.00am	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 Tuesday 7.00-8.00pm.
 Please note the change to Tuesdays instead of Thursdays.

Date	Parish Collection	Standing Orders for October
9th November	£407.99	£1862.91

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday 16th November 2025

Sunday Year C

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

"Not a hair of your head will perish." Luke 21:18

Let's call him Jack – an elderly homeless man who, many years ago, was always found outside Liverpool's Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. Jack was "fragrant", bizarrely dressed, courteous, smiling and probably touched many hearts. People genuinely enjoyed and respected the unlikely Sir Galahad who often asked for an ice cream and was only invisible to those to those who consciously chose to ignore him. As we celebrate the Jubilee of the Poor, it's worth thinking that Jack was homeless but, in a real sense, he was not poor.

By contrast, a college car park attendant spoke of the "poor little rich kids", whose parents gave them a car instead of their time and attention. The youngsters shared their family affluence but missed out on so much of what really matters in life. What about a wealthy lawyer who admitted that his wife was hoping he would die sooner rather than later so that she could inherit his money? He was destitute of love. What of Clare, whose daughter lived on the far side of the city and hadn't visited her mother for six years? When the police broke into the flat, her television set was still switched on, several years after Clare had died – alone – of natural causes.

Poverty is relative, isn't it? We can possibly all think of people who have next to nothing but who spend their time unselfishly caring for others. Equally, there are those who gaze inwards and see only themselves. "Poverty" doesn't always refer to people living without material support: there's a real destitution of the heart, which can't always be seen by outsiders.

In today's Gospel, Jesus foretells the destruction of the Temple, a devastating event which happened on 30 August AD 70, only thirty-five to forty years after he finishes speaking. Roman soldiers broke into the Holy of Holies and stole everything they could find and commemorated their rampage in stone on the Arch of Titus in Rome. Even today, we can see immortalised the lines of Jewish prisoners and of treasures, including the golden candelabra from the Temple. As he spoke of the damage to Jewish life and culture, Jesus also foretold the coming of wars, division and persecution. Today's Gospel seems to be one of "doom and gloom".

The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem was in the living memory of many of the people for whom Luke wrote his Gospel. If that was the past for some, the present

was one of persecution and suffering. The future was no brighter as early Christians expected the end of the world to be approaching. If so, were they experiencing the beginning of the end? Was there a point in remaining faithful to Jesus amid the hardship that was their reality?

Jesus offers hope. He tells his followers that, yes, life has been tough, is difficult now and will possibly become more difficult, but they are not to give up, not to lose hope. He is there for them and will be with them for ever and always.

St Teresa of Calcutta declared, "There is hunger for ordinary bread, and there is hunger for love, for kindness, for thoughtfulness, and this is the great poverty that makes people suffer so much."

Pope Francis consistently challenged the world to look beyond the attention grabbers, the powerful and the oligarchs and to see instead the people at the margins of society. He set a wonderful example through, amongst other things, supporting the homeless people and rough sleepers of Rome – providing showers, food and dignity even within the structures of St Peter's. At the same time, he repeatedly told us to be watchful for poverty that is not so immediately obvious: that of loneliness and psychological neglect.

Prophets of doom tell us that the world as we know it is collapsing around us. Ten out of twelve news items in a recent television programme gave updates on war, crime, climate change and an earthquake. Where was the hope? Where was the good news? As people of faith, we know that God is at the centre of everything. With Jesus in our hearts, we are inspired to make a difference to those who are living in poverty of whatever cause. We are rich, truly rich.

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners, especially Yueh Li-Wu, Sean Fay, Kath and Tony Lees, Kitty Hamstead, Maria 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, Janette Barber, Paddy McNicholas, David Hardy, Hannah Prentiss, Thomas Collins, Norma Marshall, Val Armstrong, Margaret Booker, Norah Preuss.

Holy Souls

November is the month when we especially remember those who have died. If you would like a mass for your loved ones who are no longer with us, the Holy Souls lists and envelopes are now available from church. Masses for the Holy Souls will then be said throughout the coming year.

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 November 12th.

Christmas Items for Sale

Christmas Cards, Calendars, Advent Calendars and Diaries will shortly be in church, all at reasonable prices.

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 0751 8486822

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

The Bonus Ball number was 44. The winners were J Andrews in Hoyland and M Archibald in Goldthorpe, each winning £25

Spare numbers are available in Hoyland and in Goldthorpe. Please see Pat Tomlinson in Hoyland or George Burnitt in Goldthorpe if you would like a number. All money raised is for church funds and you also have a chance of winning!

Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham Monday 8 December

The coach is now booked for our day Pilgrimage to Walsingham on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Prices are £25 Adult and £10 Child, usual pick-up points in Wombwell and Goldthorpe. Please see the Sign-up List at the back of each church and add your name to secure a place. Payment must be made by weekend of 29/30 November.

Service of Love and Prayers for Survivors of Abuse

The revised date has now been announced. The service will take place on Wednesday 26th November at 7.00pm in St Theresa's Parish Hall, 311 St. Mary's Road, Sheffield, S2 1EA

First Holy Communion Programme 2025-26

Introduction and Registration will take place on Saturday 15th November St. Michael's, starting at 4.00pm and incorporating mass at 5.30pm. Children will be received into church with a blessing from Fr Declan during mass.

Mass Offerings

Please be aware that there is a backlog of Mass requests for the weekend Masses in our three churches and whilst every effort is made to accommodate your wishes it is not always possible for your Mass request to be on your chosen day. Your request will be honoured but it may be on a later date. Please consider weekday Masses as well as weekend Masses for your requests. Thank you for your patience.

Used Stamps

Thanks to all who donate used postage stamps in our three churches. The latest collection has just been sent off to the Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB) who can use them as part of their fund raising activities.

Carol Service at Goldthorpe – 3.00pm, Sunday 14th December

Practices for the Goldthorpe Carol Service will be held at Sacred Heart church weekly between now and Friday 12th December, led by our organist Joshua. Fridays at 5pm, & Sundays after mass (10.15am onwards), approx 1 hr practice. We will be learning some new carols as well as practising some old favourites, so do please come along if you would like to Have a Sing - everyone is welcome.

Dedication of Sanctuary Lamps

If you would like to dedicate a sanctuary lamp for a loved one, please see Fr Declan. This month dedication in St. Michael's is for Barry Pierrepont.

Christmas Nativity Raffle

The Craft Group have been busy knitting three Nativity sets, to be raffled for church funds. Tickets are on sale from the 1st Sunday of Advent for two weekends. The draw will be on 3rd Sunday of Advent, £1 per strip.