

## Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

**First Reading** Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12  
In his vision the prophet Ezekiel sees the water of life flowing from the Temple of God.

**Responsorial Psalm** 46(45):2-3,5-6,8-9  
The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11,16-17  
St Paul warns the Christians of Corinth that they are drifting into factions and forgetting that they should build their faith on Jesus.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, that my name may be there for ever.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** John 2:13-22

Jesus drives out the traders who have turned the Temple into a market place.

## Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael's)	<b>8 Nov</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Craig Potter, Thanksgiving
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>9 Nov</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Owen Jenkinson
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen's)	<b>9 Nov</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Brian McAllister RIP
Monday	10 Nov		
Tuesday	11 Nov		
Wednesday (St Michael's)	12 Nov	11.00am	Funeral Service for Gerard Hermitage
Wednesday (St Michael's)	12 Nov	7.00pm	People of the Parish
Thursday (St Helen's)	13 Nov	10.00am	Michael Bennett RIP
Friday (Sacred Heart)	14 Nov	10.00am	Rosina Atkinson RIP
<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael's)	<b>15 Nov</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Julia and David Hill RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>16 Nov</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Paddy and Miley Connors RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St. Helen's)	<b>16 Nov</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 Tuesday 7.00-8.00pm.

Please note the change to Tuesdays instead of Thursdays.

Date	Parish Collection	Standing Orders for October
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	£481.28	£1862.91



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



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Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Weekday Cycle II

*"Zeal for your house will consume me."* John 2:17

Today we celebrate the dedication of the Lateran Basilica. Perhaps that might not mean a lot to us, so a little bit of history and geography might be helpful. Probably if we think about the church in Rome, we'll have an image of St Peter's in the Vatican. But however important and imposing St Peter's is, it gives way to a smaller building in Rome, a few kilometres outside the Vatican, the Lateran Basilica. The word "Lateran" comes from the name of an old Roman family who built a palace there. The church itself is the oldest in Rome and dates from the year 324. It was the cathedral for each Bishop of Rome, who was of course, the pope. For centuries the popes lived in the Lateran Palace next door. Although it's had its share of damage and reconstruction over the centuries, the Lateran Basilica is still, if we like to think of it this way, the pope's parish church and it's honoured as the Mother Church of all the churches in the world.

While we must look after our church buildings, of course there's a danger we can forget what they're for. There's a lovely story about St Francis of Assisi, the pope and the Lateran Basilica. In the thirteenth century, when people first joined Francis to follow his way of poverty, there were many so-called religious groups ranging from the heretical to odd cults. Francis wanted to make sure he was on the right path so he went to Rome with his brothers to get the pope's approval. It's said that Pope Innocent III had a dream that the Lateran Basilica was tipping over and a little man in a scruffy religious habit was holding it up on his shoulder. A short while later, a whole group of scruffy men turned up to see him and ask him to approve their way of life. The pope saw the meaning of his parable-dream and approved *The Rule of Life* Francis had written. It wasn't the basilica that needed propping up, but the faith of the people that needed renewing and strengthening.

Today, Remembrance Sunday, it's also important to remember the millions of people who have needed courage and strength to face the horrors of war. St Francis and

his followers were dedicated peacemakers – and there’s nothing to stop us following their example. Pope Innocent III dreamed that the Lateran Basilica was about to collapse, and countless people have had a similar devastating experience, but through war. Innocent needed St Francis. Today’s troubled world needs us.

In our first reading the prophet Ezekiel has a vision of the water of life flowing from the Temple. It echoes the words Jesus himself spoke in the Temple in Jerusalem “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.” We heard St Paul, exasperated by the factions of the Christians in Corinth, telling them they had drifted from Jesus who was the foundation they were to build on. In the Gospel, John shows us an angry Jesus who is appalled by the blasphemy of God’s holy Temple becoming a marketplace and a corrupt one at that.

The Lateran Basilica is adorned with beautiful mosaics depicting Our Lady, Saints Peter and Paul, John the Evangelist, John the Baptist and smaller figures of St Francis and Anthony of Padua – but today, Remembrance Sunday, we pray to and for people who might be uncanonised saints, whose good works are known only to God and to those for whom they literally laid down their lives.

While of course we must look after our church buildings, in one sense they are not important. Whether we’re in a sumptuous basilica or in a grass hut with rain dripping onto the simple table that serves as an altar, it is the same Christ our Saviour who offers himself with us to the Father and gives us back his own life in communion.

On Remembrance Sunday it’s worth remembering that people’s faith in a loving God has helped them to survive war and destruction. God has remained alongside and within his suffering people and those who have fought for peace. With God’s help, we can live, we can rebuild, we can look to the future.

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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.

### **Requiescant in Pace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fran Nzyimi who died recently. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

The funeral service for Gerard Hermitage will take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am in St Michael’s. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

### **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 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Agewell Table Top Sale Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 29. The winners were E Cooper in Hoyland and T McCoy in Goldthorpe, each winning £50 rollover!

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.

### **Mass of Thanksgiving for All Volunteers**

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

### **Service of Love and Prayers for Survivors of Abuse**

The revised date has now been announced. The service will take place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Christmas Items for Sale**

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