

<p><b>1st Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p><b>First Reading</b> Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Greedy Adam and Eve and wanted even more than God had given them and gave in to temptation.</p> <p><b>Responsorial Psalm</b> 51(50):3-6b, 12-14, 17. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.</p> <p><b>Second Reading</b> Romans 5:12-19 Despite the presence of sin in the world, Jesus redeemed us and gave us new life.</p>	<p><b>Gospel Acclamation</b> <b>Glory and praise to you, O Christ.</b> One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. <b>Glory and praise to you, O Christ.</b></p> <p><b>Gospel</b> Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus overcame temptation and showed us that grace is stronger than greed.</p>
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**Parish of Corpus Christi**  
Sacred Heart (Goldthorpe), Sacred Heart & St Helen (Hoyland) and St Michael & All Angels (Wombwell)



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Sunday 22nd February 2026  
First Sunday of Lent

Sunday Year A  
Weekday Cycle II

**Service Times & Intentions**

<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael's)	<b>21 Feb</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>22 Feb</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Paul Galvin RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen's)	<b>22 Feb</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Josephine Cassidy RIP
Tuesday (St Helen's)	24 Feb	10.00am	
Wednesday (St Michael's)	25 Feb	7.00pm	
Thursday (St Helen's)	26 Feb	10.00am	Holy Souls
Friday (Sacred Heart)	27 Feb	10.00am	William (Bill) Mays RIP
Saturday (St Michael's)	28 Feb	11.00am	Holy Souls
<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael's)	<b>28 Feb</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Maria Mayo Illness
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>1 Mar</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	John Hamilton RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St. Helen's)	<b>1 Mar</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	People of the Parish

**Rosary** is at 1.30pm each Wednesday in Goldthorpe.

**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.

Date	Parish Collection	Standing Orders for January
15 <sup>th</sup> February	£438.12	£1722.91

*“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”*

How do you feel when you hear those words, “It is Lent again”? Does your heart sink, or are you energised for a sacred pilgrimage? Within that short sentence, “It is Lent again,” lies a challenge, an invitation and an opportunity to be open and willing to accept the grace of this holy time.

The challenge presents itself because it can be too easy to see these forty days as simply “another Lent,” or “that time of the year again”. We are being called to a special time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It can be simply repeating practices developed over the years, of what has always been done or slipping into a regular routine of what went before. The same practices: chocolate or alcohol to be given up, perhaps an extra Mass if we have time, a little extra money for a good cause... these are good in their own way but can be quickly forgotten after Easter.

The challenge offered to us this year is perhaps to deepen our relationship with God and others in time given to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Let all of us this Lent respond with a generosity of heart, mind and spirit. Instead of the usual routine of what is given up for Lent, consider the following. Perhaps what we are called to fast from is gossip, judgement about others, anger, impatience or lack of charity and social media. Guided by the Holy Spirit into the desert, what are the daily temptation(s) that need to be addressed? The challenge is not to make this Lent into “just another” forty days of denying ourselves, a minor inconvenience. A change of heart and mind can make this Lent a sacred time of renewal, of coming closer to God through time given over to prayer and adoration; following the call of Christ to love our neighbour in almsgiving; responding to the Holy Spirit by fasting from everything that keeps us from being a child of God. We can allow ourselves to be challenged by reflecting upon the gift of time given to each one of us. We might find time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving; being with someone who may need a listening ear, volunteering, repairing a broken relationship or reaching out to a friend. The invitation this year is to see Lent as a pilgrimage, a journey into the desert or wilderness with Christ as our guide. Pope Leo XVI spoke of the need to be reminded

that, "Our relationship with God comes first... We must make room for silence, for listening to the Father who speaks and 'sees in secret'." This Lent has "a vital part to play in our life of faith, for it removes us from our homes and our daily routines, giving us the time and space to encounter God more deeply. Such moments always help us to grow, for through them, the Holy Spirit gently fashions us to be ever more closely conformed to the mind and the heart of Jesus Christ." We are being invited to be led by the Holy Spirit, like Jesus in the Gospel we have just heard. It is an invitation to reassess our life and priorities in the light of faith, hope and charity.

Lent is a season of grace and in this year, which is the eight-hundredth anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi, it is a season to be reminded of the unmerited, unearned love of God. St Bonaventure wrote, "St Francis was an intimate friend of the Lord because of the serenity of his contemplative soul." St Francis would undertake several Lents during the year in the form of forty days of prayer and contemplation. He would physically withdraw to the hills and caves around Assisi, away from the busyness of life, to encounter God. It may not be practical to undertake such a Lenten pilgrimage, but as the saint said, "I have done what was mine to do; may Christ teach you what you are to do." Spiritually, there is the opportunity to find quiet places and times to be with God. The world needs our prayers.

This sacred season is a gift, allowing us to give thanks in prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for Holy Week and the great celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday. The challenge is what we do with this sacred time. This holy season is a blessed opportunity and a response to the love and mercy of God.

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### **Prayers for the Sick**

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners, especially

A Sick Person, Audrey Salmon, Yueh Li-Wu, Kath 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, Mary Smith, Christine Mays, Percy Winterton, Anthony and Carole Dyson, Bernadette Hoult, Janette Barber, Paddy McNicholas, David Hardy, Hannah Prentiss, Thomas Collins, Norma Marshall, Val Armstrong, Margaret Booker, Norah Preuss.

### **World Day of Prayer – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

There will be a World Day of Prayer at 2.00pm in Goldthorpe. The theme of this year's service, prepared by Nigerian women, is taken from Matthew 11: 28-30 'Come to me and I will give you rest'.

Anyone who would like to be involved in any way - readings, singing, preparing materials - is warmly invited to a meeting in the Parish Room at Goldthorpe at 2pm on Thursday 12 February. Thank you, Amanda Campbell

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

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Winners were D Smith in Hoyland and T Swindells in Goldthorpe, each winning £25.

### **CAFOD Family Fast Day**

This year's Lenten Family Fast Day will next Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February. Envelopes will be available this weekend. Please consider using the Gift Aid slip if you are a UK Taxpayer, thus enabling CAFOD to benefit further from your generous donations.

### **Stations of the Cross at Goldthorpe**

Each Wednesday during Lent, (from Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February), at 2.00pm following Rosary. All are welcome.

We are also warmly invited to join in with Stations of the Cross at St. John and St. Mary Magdalene every Friday at 6.00pm from 27<sup>th</sup> February. Again, all are welcome.

### **40 Days for Life in Sheffield**

40 Days for Life in Sheffield: From 18<sup>th</sup> February, the 40 Days for Life invites you to join other Christians in praying and fasting for an end to abortion in our community. Come and join us to peacefully witness for the sanctity of human life. If you'd like to join, please sign up at [www.40daysforlife.com/en/broomhall](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/broomhall) or call Rachel 07368297872.

### **My Day by Day for Lent**

Available now in church are the My Day by Day Booklets, containing all the readings for Lent.

There are both Adult and Junior versions. A voluntary donation of £1

### **The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham**

The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham is seeking help to purchase a property to accommodate their growing community and further their mission for the re-evangelisation of England. Any amount, large or small, is greatly appreciated and the Community assure you of their prayers. More information, as well as the option to donate online, can be found at: [www.maryshouseappeal.org](http://www.maryshouseappeal.org) or email: [office@walsinghamcommunity.org](mailto:office@walsinghamcommunity.org) or telephone 01362 692574. Posters are also at the back of church.

### **Hiring the Church Hall at St. Michael's**

There is now a dedicated email address for anyone enquiring about hiring the hall. This is [booking.parishofcorpuschristi@gmail.com](mailto:booking.parishofcorpuschristi@gmail.com)

### **Parish Administrator**

Please spread the word that Fr Declan will need a new Parish Administrator at the end of March. This is a paid position and would suit someone who needs a few hours of work per week. Marion is looking to step down from her role after over fourteen years. If there is anyone who would be interested in the role, please either speak with Fr Declan, or send an email to [parishofcorpuschristi@gmail.com](mailto:parishofcorpuschristi@gmail.com)

### **Help with Counting**

The Parish has to have at least two people to help with counting the various collections each week. We are looking for volunteers, so if you would like to help for a couple of hours about once a month, please contact Marion in the parish office, speak with Fr. Declan or drop an email to the parish office.