

## 2nd Sunday of Lent

**First Reading** Genesis 12:1-4a  
Calling Abraham, God promises blessings upon blessings.

**Responsorial Psalm** 22(32):4-5,18-19,20,22  
May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

**Second Reading** Timothy 1:8b-10  
The salvation God promised us before the ages began is revealed in Jesus Christ.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father**  
From a bright cloud, the Father`s voice was heard:  
“This is my beloved Son, listen to him”.  
**Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.**

**Gospel** Matthew 17:1-9  
The glory of God is revealed as Peter, James and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus; this revelation will sustain them in the face of the trials that lie ahead.

## Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday Year A

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Weekday Cycle II

## Service Times & Intentions

<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
Tuesday (St Helen`s)	3 Mar	10.00am	
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	4 Mar	7.00pm	Holy Souls
Thursday (St Helen`s)	5 Mar	10.00am	Holy Souls
Friday (Sacred Heart)	6 Mar	10.00am	
Saturday (St Michael`s)	7 Mar	11.00am	
<b>Saturday Vigil</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>7 Mar</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Liz Salmon and Family
<b>Sunday</b> (Sacred Heart)	<b>8 Mar</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (St. Helen`s)	<b>8 Mar</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Maria Teresa Fazardo RIP

**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
22 <sup>th</sup> February	£428.20	£1722.91

*“He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”Matthew 17:5*

What’s in a name?

We often take surnames for granted, but historically they often referred to something relating to a person; their profession, their moral character (good or bad), their place of origin or some physical attribute. It is equally true of the Church. Titles such as “Mother”, “Sister”, “Father” indicate somebody’s status or role: Francis of Assisi, St Therese of Avila are known for their association with place; St Nicholas the Wonderworker is associated with miraculous acts. What is true in human life is more profoundly true when it comes to the names we attribute to God. For example, we refer to God the Father as the Creator or the Almighty, while we call Jesus the Son of God, our Saviour and Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit is known as the Advocate, Paraclete, Lord and Giver of Life. In the titles of the Holy Trinity, we have a concise summary of God’s action from before time down to the present age. Our reading from Genesis today demonstrates the outworking of the names we give to God.

God commands Abram to leave his country and kindred and promises to make his name great and to make him the father of all the families of the earth. This promise to Abram is God creating and re-creating – revealing to Abram part of the plan of salvation. Abram, or Abraham as he was subsequently named, played his part, along with his wife Sarah. God would reveal his glory through Abraham, who indeed would be blessed, as would his innumerable descendants. Throughout the Old Testament it is of the nature of God to remain hidden, allowing humanity only glimpses of glory. These glimpses sustain, encourage and enlighten believers, drawing them into be part of God’s plan. We are spiritual descendants of Abraham, sharing in the promise and telling of the glory of God.

The Gospel continues the theme of God revealing to humanity God’s nature and God’s purpose. Jesus the teacher, the healer, the miracle-worker, the man, allows Peter, James and John a glimpse of glory. The promise made to Abraham and his descendants is still being fulfilled, and after the resurrection the three disciples were

able to speak of what they had seen. Although they didn't know it at the time, the days of the passion and death of the Lord were approaching. The disciples were privileged to witness something they would only come to understand with hindsight. God's plans and future blessing were, for the time being, hidden from them. Even whilst they were not aware of it as such, the promise of blessing made to Abraham was unfolding and being gradually unveiled.

St Paul, the preacher of the sublime mystery of God, is at the same time the apostle to tease out and explain the practical consequences of the unfolding mystery. He speaks of sharing "in suffering for the Gospel". However, God's power allows us to participate in the mystery of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, by which he abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

As inheritors of the original promise made to Abraham, we can reflect on the, albeit modest, part we play in fulfilling God's plan: we are children of blessing and instruments of blessing. This is a beautiful theory, but equally one that has practical consequences and demands. By grace, in our care for the earth, in keeping our sights on our blessings, in working and praying for peace, we share with the Father in the creation and re-creation of the whole of creation. We know, at the deepest level of our being, that we were created to know, love and serve God.

Hearing once again of the disciples' experience in witnessing the transfiguration of Jesus can lead us to reflect on our own experiences of the glory of God; there is an infinite variety of ways in which God communicates glory to us – through the beauty of nature, art, music, our love of others and their love of us. Appreciating beauty is part of being human, but attributing to God the source of this beauty is what makes us believers, makes us Christian, makes us want to give thanks and praise. What inspires us to pass on blessing? Where does the necessary dynamism and energy come from? We are now in the realm of the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life. We are living in the Holy Trinity and the Holy Trinity is living in us.

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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.

### **Confirmations 2026**

Confirmation Meetings will begin at Holy Rood on 15<sup>th</sup> April and will run for eight weeks until 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Bishop Ralph will be present for the Deanery Confirmation Mass on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm in Holy Rood. Please see Fr Declan if you wish to be confirmed this year.

### **CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

Envelopes are 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**

A chance to do something extra during Lent? Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart every Wednesday at 2.00pm

AND at St. John and St. Mary Magdalene Anglican church (our friends across the road) every Friday at 6.00pm All are welcome.

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

The World Day of Prayer Service will be at Sacred Heart, Goldthorpe at 2pm on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March. The theme this year is 'Come to me and I will give you rest'.

There will be a final practice of readings and hymns for this service at 2.00pm in church on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Do please come along if you can. All are welcome

### **Children's Liturgy at Goldthorpe Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

There will be Children's Liturgy during 9.00am mass at Goldthorpe for any children who have NOT YET made their First Holy Communion. As usual, two groups: 3-5 year olds with Amanda and 6-8 year olds with Maureen. We are looking forward to seeing you all

### **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)

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

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Winners were P Tomlinson in Hoyland and T Swindells in Goldthorpe, each winning £25.

### **Hallam Bridge**

There are a few copies of the latest edition Hallam Bridge, the news from Hallam Diocese, at the back of church.

Also available for everyone on the Diocese website: [hallam-diocese.com](http://hallam-diocese.com)

### **First Holy Communion Programme 2025-26**

The next meeting will be on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March from 6.00pm to 7.15pm in St Michael's Church Hall, for the children only.

### **Offertory Envelopes**

New Offertory envelopes, starting on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, will be available soon for those who require them. If you haven't had envelopes before and wish to use them, please send an email, telephone or ask Fr Declan.

### **Mass Offerings**

There are plenty of Masses available for your intentions, especially for weekday masses. Please use one of the specially printed envelopes from the back of church.

### **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.