

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First Reading

Sirach 15:15-20  
God calls us to choose what is right and keep the commandments. God knows and sees all that we do.

### Responsorial Psalm

119(118):1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
The Spirit has shown us the wisdom of God, which is not the same as the wisdom of our rulers.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel

Matthew 5:17-37  
Jesus tells the disciples that he will fulfil the Law and the prophets. He explains that those who keep his commandments and teach them to others will enter the kingdom of heaven.

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



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Sunday Year A

Weekday Cycle II

*"First be reconciled to your brother and then come and offer your gift."*

Wherever we are in life there are rules to be followed. In the classroom we are taught early to raise our hand to answer questions, not to run with scissors, not to pick on other children.

As we grow, we do not escape the rules. In workplaces there is often a "code of conduct" to be followed and expectations about what we will or will not do in order to remain employed.

There are also the laws and customs of the country where we live, which we all must follow or face potentially serious repercussions.

In today's readings, we are reminded of the importance of keeping God's commandments. This can potentially be viewed as another set of rules, but rules that should be a guiding light throughout our lives, helping us to discern what is right and good. Each of us has the freedom to choose whether we will follow this path. So each of us faces a choice every day. Do we choose fire or water, life or death, as it says in the first reading? Do we break the rules or keep them? This makes it sound like the decision is always easy, when in real life we know there are shades of grey. So perhaps it is worth considering why we have rules in the first place.

Rules generally have two purposes, to keep us safe and to ensure the safety and well-being of the other people around us. Our rule-breaking rarely has repercussions only for ourselves. Others can and do get hurt. The same can sometimes be true for our zealous rule-keeping.

Jesus reminds the disciples that he has not come to do away with the Law and the commandments from the Old Testament. But he does encourage us to think about them again.

It is not enough to do the bare minimum – it is not enough not to murder. Jesus says here that even anger, or the mere thought of wrongdoing, is enough to set us on the wrong path. God, who knows and sees all that we do and think, is concerned not just with our actions, but also with what is in our heart.

We are called to be more righteous even than the scribes and the Pharisees. Jesus often held up the scribes and the Pharisees as people who followed the letter of the Law without really understanding the spirit of it. For example, in the parable of the

### Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	14Feb	5.30pm	Sr. Rosemary, Thickett Priory 60 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	15 Feb	9.00am	Michael and Louie Leeman RIP
Sunday (St Helen's)	15 Feb	11.00am	People of the Parish
Tuesday (St Helen's)	17 Feb	10.00am	The Yorkshire Brethren
Ash Wednesday Sacred Heart	18 Feb	10.00am	People of the Parish
Ash Wednesday St Helen's	18 Feb	12 noon	Holy Souls
Ash Wednesday St Michael's	18 Feb	7.00pm	Josephine Topps RIP
Thursday (St Helen's)	19 Feb	10.00am	Audrey O'Neill RIP
Friday (Sacred Heart)	20 Feb	10.00am	
Saturday (St Michael's)	21 Feb	11.00am	Holy Souls
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	21 Feb	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	22 Feb	9.00am	Paul Galvin RIP
Sunday (St. Helen's)	22 Feb	11.00am	Josephine Cassidy 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
8 <sup>th</sup> February	£381.89	£1722.91

Good Samaritan, they were more concerned about preserving their ritual cleanliness than helping the stranger in need. We all know people who are convinced of their own rightness. Perhaps sometimes even we fall into this trap, but it can lead us into a blind spot about how we are hurting or failing others. As the second reading says, the wisdom of our leaders is not the same as the wisdom of God.

Jesus calls us today, then, to be reconciled to our brother or sister before we make our offering to God. We need to look at the world around us, at our relationships with others and consider where we need to ask forgiveness.

Are there people in our life whom we have hurt, whether intentionally or unintentionally through our actions or our words? Do we care for the world around us, God's beautiful gift of creation? Do we love our neighbour as ourselves? Are our actions and our thoughts aligned? Does our confidence in our own righteousness lead us to overlook the needs of others? Are the choices we make really the right ones according to God rather than the worldly authorities? Do we care more about what others think of us than what we know to be right? Are our hearts turned toward God and away from what we know to be wrong? These are all questions for us to consider as we go about our daily lives. God has given us the freedom to make all these choices, but God does not leave us to make them alone. God is with us through it all, watching us, loving us, sending the Spirit to help and guide us.

Through God's grace, we pray for the courage to seek forgiveness and reconciliation with all our sisters and brothers. We seek the strength to make the right choices and to do all that God asks of us. We come before the Lord, reconciling with one another, offering our lives to his service.

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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, 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

7.2.2026 No. 40

Winners were K Palfreyman in Hoyland and J Fleming in Goldthorpe, each winning £25.

### Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

Next Wednesday sees the beginning of Lent. Masses will be as follows:

10.00am Goldthorpe  
12 noon Hoyland  
7.00pm Wombwell

### 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.

### Dearne Churches Together – Family Fun Day Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

There will be a Family Fun Day on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 11.00am-1.00pm at Goldthorpe Pentecostal Community Church, Market Street. The theme for the day is Wisdom.

There will be crafts, activities and games for all the family, and lunch provided.

Please contact Julie Turner on 07729 421405 or email [julie@gpcchurch.co.uk](mailto:julie@gpcchurch.co.uk) to book your place.

### 40 Days for Life in Sheffield

40 Days for Life in Sheffield: From 18th 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

### Parish Administrator

Marion is looking to step down from her role as Parish Administrator in the near future. 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.