

5th Sunday of Lent	Gospel Acclamation
First Reading Ezekiel 37:12-14 With the Lord's gift of his Spirit, we shall live.	Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God. I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Everyone who believes in me shall never die.
Responsorial Psalm 130(129):11-2,3-4,5-6b,6c-8 With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.	Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.
Second Reading Romans 8:8-11 The Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.	Gospel John 11:1-45 Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	21 Mar	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	22 Mar	9.00am	Beatrice Barry RIP
Sunday (St Helen's)	22 Mar	11.00am	Brian McAllister RIP
Tuesday (St Helen's)	24 Mar	10.00am	Yorkshire Brethren
Wednesday (St Michael's)	25 Mar	10.00am	Holy Souls
Thursday (St Helen's)	26 Mar	10.00am	
Friday (Sacred Heart)	27 Mar	10.00am	Holy Souls
Saturday (St Michael's)	28 Mar	11.00am	
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	28 Mar	5.30pm	Dennis Turner RIP
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	29 Mar	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St. Helen's)	29 Mar	11.00am	Deceased Members of the Freaney Family

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 February
15 th March	£388.98	£1639.96

Sunday 22nd March 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday Year A
Weekday Cycle II

"I am the resurrection and the life." John 11:25

Our age has the reputation for wanting to avoid the mention of death. Yet we also delight in films full of horror and violence. Our leaders who provoke or accept killing on a vast scale are sometimes obsessed with the belief that science will discover how they might live long after the normal human life span - as though the sense of their power in the present may be consummated in immortality. Yet the more sober sayings about death remain. *"Memento mori"*, keep in mind that you have to die, is the old Latin advice. And for those who have spent their lives accumulating material wealth comes the reminder that "the shroud has no pockets". A fascinating image of how the Church expresses this conundrum of power, life and death can be seen in the account of the burial of the Emperor Franz Joseph during the last years of the First World War in Vienna. After the Solemn Requiem in the cathedral his coffin was taken in a specially designed carriage to the mausoleum where all his family had been buried. Needless to say, the procession consisted of all the high-ranking military and state officials imaginable. On arrival at the mausoleum the doors were closed. They knocked, and a voice replied: "Who is it?" In reply they reeled off all the extensive titles of the dead emperor. Silence. They knocked again. "Who is it?" asked the voice. "A poor sinner," they replied. The doors swung open.

If the Gospels were drama, then Lazarus has a walk-on part. He and his sisters, Mary and Martha, are close friends of Jesus from Bethany, which is just a few miles from Jerusalem. His sisters steal the limelight whereas Lazarus never says a word. The sisters are sometimes pictured as the contemplative and active aspects of spiritual life, but here they both upbraid Jesus for not responding more quickly to their call for help. They know Jesus has the power to prevent death. The lesson Jesus wishes to teach both them and his disciples is that he also has the power to conquer death. The raising of Lazarus is a trailer for what will happen to himself. He too will die and rise again, and this will be the act that brings salvation to all who believe in him. Martha takes this step of recognition in her exchange with Jesus. In the Synoptic Gospels, it is Peter who is recorded as recognising and proclaiming Jesus as the Christ, the Messiah. Here in John's Gospel, it is Martha. Lazarus then,

called by Jesus, makes his important but silent appearance. Jesus orders that he be freed from the burial cloths that bind him and let go. One result of this intervention by Jesus is that some of the visiting crowd return to Jerusalem to inform the high priests and Pharisees of what has happened, and the story galvanises Caiaphas into his famous remark that “it is better for you that one man should die for the people”. And they advance their plans to arrest and kill Jesus.

As in most of the teachings and actions of Jesus, we find ourselves faced by dual concerns. On the one hand there is always the underlying question of eternal life. On the other is the matter of how we access this life even in our present existence. On the first question Jesus is usually reassuring. He loves us and wants us all to share in the love that exists between him and his father. The occasions where he offers us a different picture of the afterlife, in which we are condemned to eternal punishment, are because we have failed to understand or put into action the second issue. Jesus tells Martha that he is the resurrection and the life. Throughout John’s Gospel comes the refrain that if we believe in Jesus, then we have eternal life. Belief in him means we become imbued with how he lived, how he loved. Our lives are freed up to dedicate ourselves to caring for others, especially those who are poor and needy. So many of the parables reflect this simple truth. What we do to and for others, we do to and for Christ. In the end there is only one eternal life. It begins with our acceptance of Jesus into our life in a way that leads to our giving ourselves in love as he has shown us and then continuing that mystery in the life to come. It is only then that we will fully understand the depths of that mystery.

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners, especially Phil Harrison, 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 Hault, Janette Barber, Paddy McNicholas, David Hardy, Hannah Prentiss, Thomas Collins, Norma Marshall, Val Armstrong, Margaret Booker, Norah Preuss.

Peter Hart

Reception into St Michael’s church will be on Tuesday, 7th April at 4.00pm. The funeral will be on Wednesday, 8th April at 10.30am. Please keep Peter’s family and friends in your prayers.

Confirmations 2026

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

Knights of St Columba Easter Egg Appeal.

As in previous years, the Knights are asking for donations of Easter Eggs for children who have to spend Easter in Barnsley Hospital. If you can help, please leave your donations at the back of church. Thank you

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 27th February

The total of £579.30, of which £120 is Gift Aided, has been sent to CAFOD, following the Family Fast Day Appeal. Thank you.

Lenten Reconciliation Service

The Deanery Lenten Reconciliation Service will take place in Holy Rood on 25th March at 7.00pm. For the first time there will be various priests hearing confessions in both English and Polish. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during Confessions. If you haven’t celebrated the Sacrament for a while this is a good opportunity to come back to the Lord.

*Please note that Wednesday evening mass at St. Michael’s has been changed for that day and will now be at **10.00am**.

Hallam Support for LIFE collection 15th March

Thank you for your generous donations. The parish raised £147.38

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

14.3.2026 No. 59 Winners were M Harrison in Hoyland winning £25. There was no winner in Goldthorpe, so next week will be a rollover of £50. There are still available numbers in both churches. Please see Pat Tomlinson in Hoyland or Faye Handley in Goldthorpe, to try your luck and in doing so, support our parish.

Offertory Envelopes

New Offertory envelopes starting on Sunday 12th April, are now available at the back of church, for those who require them. If you haven’t had envelopes before and wish to use them, please send an email to the office, telephone or ask Fr Declan. You can, of course, Gift Aid your donation if you are a taxpayer, thus helping the parish further.

Red Mission Boxes

Please bring in your Red Mission Boxes, or just the money from your box. If you are a UK Taxpayer, please consider using Gift Aid, so make sure your name is on the box and on any donation that you bring to church. This allows the Missio Co-ordinator, Anne Damms, to log your donation and therefore claim the Gift Aid. Thank you for your support and for your continued prayers for missionaries around the world.

Sent to Share the Faith

On 17th April, three Franciscan Friars, Fathers Casey Cole, Tito Serrano and Jason Damon from Charlotte in the USA will be visiting the Diocese to help us to think about how we can spread the Gospel today. They have recently started a mission to reach young adults, spiritual seekers, and those disconnected from the Church through authentic presence, conversation, and compassion. Rooted in the spirit of St. Francis, SEARCH is about walking with others, sharing Christ’s love, and inviting hearts to renewal and healing.

They are hosting two events - the first at the Cathedral specifically aimed at young people and young adults at 1:15pm following midday Mass, the second aimed at a wider audience at St Francis of Assisi beginning with Mass at 6:00 pm.

Bookings are necessary using the Formation & Mission Eventbrite Page on this link or QR code <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hallam-formation-and-mission-46212155433>

Further details from the Formation and Mission team 0114 256 6410.