

4th Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 6:1-7

A daily distribution of food has been set up to serve the community, but some people are accused of getting more than others. Seven people are appointed to ensure goods are allocated fairly.

Responsorial Psalm 33(32)

May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9

Christ is the cornerstone, the foundation of the Christian community. To grow in love for Christ is to work to rid ourselves of whatever keeps us from him and damages the community.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia.

Gospel John 14:1-12

There is no need to be afraid or worried. Jesus reassures Thomas as he reassures us: he is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

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Sunday 3rd May 2026

Sunday Year A

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Weekday Cycle II

“Let not your hearts be troubled.” John 14:1

Some of you may have seen the film (2023) of Rachel Joyce’s book, The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry, starring Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton. But a less well-known book by the same author could bring us some insights into living as a community. In The Music Shop Joyce explores how local characters become real neighbours. They live in a run-down area, where there are lots of quirky and interesting characters. It’s the story of Frank, a music shop owner, who will only sell vinyl records. But it’s the way he listens that makes him special. “Frank could not play music, he could not read a score, he had no practical knowledge whatsoever, but when he sat in front of a customer and truly listened, he heard a kind of song.” Each customer is different, each has their own story, and they are amazed that he always works out what kind of music is for them.

Shortly before his death on the cross, Jesus speaks to his disciples. They are worried and afraid. He has already told them that he will be betrayed and denied. He has let them know that he will only be with them for a little while longer (John 13). They haven’t really understood, but he knows they are wondering what is happening. He wants to reassure them. “Let not your hearts be troubled,” he says. But they are struggling to understand. Philip is still looking for a clearer sign, a visible sign. Thomas is not sure how to follow when he does not know where Jesus is going. These are very human worries, similar to concerns we might have ourselves. Jesus tells them to have faith in him. He invites them to trust in him. He will give them the strength and courage to face all their difficulties. He tells them: “in my Father’s house are many rooms,” and says there will be a place for them. In the end they will be where he is. “How can we know the way?” Thomas asks. Jesus explains that he is the Way. His way is the way of love. Shortly after this, he tells them again that to love him is to keep his commandments (John 14:15). Love of God and love of neighbour are the heart of his teaching.

Service Times & Intentions

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| Saturday Vigil (St Michael’s) | 2 May | 5.30pm | Robert Alan Batty (RIP) |
| Sunday (Sacred Heart) | 3 May | 9.00am | Yorkshire Brethren |
| Sunday (St Helen’s) | 3 May | 11.00am | People of the Parish |
| Tuesday (St Helen’s) | 5 May | 10.00am | |
| Wednesday (St Michael’s) | 6 May | 7.00pm | Natalie Waring (RIP) |
| Thursday (St Helen’s) | 7 May | 10.00am | |
| Friday (Sacred Heart) | 8 May | 10.00am | |
| Saturday (St Michael’s) | 9 May | 11.00am | |
| Saturday Vigil (St Michael’s) | 9 May | 5.30pm | Mike Withers (RIP) |
| Sunday (Sacred Heart) | 10 May | 9.00am | |
| Sunday (St Helen’s) | 10 May | 11.00am | |

Rosary is at 1.30pm each Wednesday in Goldthorpe.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation – Saturday 10:30 at Wombwell and upon request.

| Date | Parish Collection | Standing Orders for April |
|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 26 th April | £664.49 | £ 1842.91 |

We might find it hard to trust and to hope. Perhaps our experiences in life have left us feeling that everything is risky and that we can't count on others. Perhaps we are wary of taking an action in case we get it wrong. But Jesus tells us to have faith, to take the risk of trusting in him. He will take care of us. He will give us the courage and strength to go on. His words are gentle and full of love. He can see that his disciples are struggling. He finds ways to let them know they are loved.

When we look around us today, we can see a lot of hatred and division. We can see anger. We hear, just like we heard in the first reading, that some people are getting to the front of the queue quicker than we are. Social media in particular delights in stirring up controversy, often by spreading rumours and untruths. It's easy to get carried along in a wave of disinformation. Do we even know who our neighbours really are? Are we contributing to our local community, building people up, or are we busy knocking them down?

Jesus is the Way. Not in a narrow sense, which excludes, but in a generous, abundant sense, which holds us all together. His way is life – life in all its fullness. To embrace his way is to love each other as neighbours, as brothers and sisters. This is his commandment, to love one another as he loves us.

1. *Everyone is different, but we are all members of one community, of which Christ is the foundation and the cornerstone.*

2. *To grow in the love of Christ we are asked to challenge ourselves to change.*

3. *To build a true community we are called to love each other as neighbours, as brothers and sisters. What we do and say matters.*

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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 Hoult, Janette Barber, Paddy McNicholas, David Hardy, Hannah Prentiss, Thomas Collins, Norma Marshall, Val Armstrong, Margaret Booker, Norah Preuss, Nancy Preston.

St. Michael's Hall

The refurbishment of the hall is almost complete. We are looking for a few volunteers to help with sweeping, dusting, and mopping. Please text Carl on 07503 210287

Confirmations 2026

Confirmation Meetings will be held in Holy Rood Church Hall on each Tuesday. The next meeting is 5th May at 5.45-7.30pm. The Deanery Confirmation Mass will take place in Holy Rood Wednesday, 24th June at 7.00pm.

Offertory Envelopes

New Offertory envelopes 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. 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.

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

25.4.26 The winner in Hoyland was no 23 M. Smith winning £25, and Margaret Booth was the rollover winner in Goldthorpe.

Children's Liturgy in Goldthorpe (Sunday 10th May)

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 everybody after our April break.

Diocesan Consultation Meeting

As well as the consultation meetings taking place across our dioceses, there is also an opportunity for all the clergy, religious, and lay faithful in all three dioceses to contribute to this consultation.

I encourage the faithful within our dioceses to devote time and prayerful reflection upon these questions before your parish reps attend the June meeting, so that the Holy Spirit may guide us through this important process of consultation and discernment.

To assist in this, we will be hosting several informal chats via zoom about our shared responses as a parish. The link to the zoom meeting will be published on the Parish Facebook page and the Corpus Christi WhatsApp group. The one hour session will be on Thursdays at 7pm: Starting from 14th May for 4 weeks. All are welcome. Please join if you can.