

6th Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 8:5-8. 14-17
Peter and John visited Samaria and prayed for the Holy Spirit to come to the new Christians

Responsorial Psalm 66(65)
Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18
It is better to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

Alleluia.

Gospel John 14:15-21
Jesus tells his disciples that he is about to leave them, but they will not be alone. He promises to come to them and to send the Holy Spirit.

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday 10th May 2026

Sunday Year A

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Weekday Cycle II

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	9 May	5.30pm	Mike Withers (RIP)
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	10 May	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen's)	10 May	11.00am	The Parry Family (Illness)
Tuesday (St Helen's)	12 May	10.00am	Rev. Patrick Smith (RIP)
Wednesday (St Michael's)	13 May	7.00pm	Ron Bradbury (RIP)
Thursday (Sacred Heart)	14 May	9.00am	Miss Patricia Hawkins
Thursday (St Helen's)	14 May	11.00am	People of the Parish
Friday (Sacred Heart)	15 May	10.00am	Canon Tom O'Connor (RIP)
Saturday (St Michael's)	16 May	11.00am	Rev. John F. Carter (RIP)
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	16 May	5.30pm	Josephine Topps (RIP)
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	17 May	9.00am	Rev David Bulmer (RIP)
Sunday (St Helen's)	17 May	11.00am	People of the Parish

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
3 rd May	£386.50	£ 1842.91

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you." John 14:18

Love, love changes everything: hands and faces, earth and sky.

Love, love changes everything: how you live and how you die...

Nothing in the world will ever be the same.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's song Love Changes Everything was released in 1989 and immediately soared in the charts, not because of Michael Ball's beautiful singing voice, but because people automatically recognised the truth of its message. Somehow, the song expressed the reality of love for those who had experienced it and for those who longed for the love which they might never have known.

We can only guess how the disciples felt when Jesus told them that he was leaving them. Within hours, he would also feel deserted and, on the cross, would cry out in agony, "My God! My God, why have you forsaken me?"

St Teresa of Calcutta once remarked, "Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat." That is why, while telling his disciples that he is leaving them, Jesus declares an undying love that will not abandon them to empty hearts and lives of loneliness. In his going away, they will come to know a love which is greater than they could have ever imagined. Their lives will change and nothing will ever be the same – precisely because love changes everything.

Someone once remarked that God gave Moses the Ten Commandments but Jesus, realising that they were difficult to follow, reduced them to one – the most challenging of all: to love God and love your neighbour as yourself. In today's Gospel, Jesus declares his love for his disciples – but he isn't trying to generate a "feel good factor", a warm, fuzzy feeling that will make his followers feel that everything is alright with the world. When Jesus speaks of love, he's talking

about showing it in action: in offering mercy to those who are hurting, justice for those who are oppressed, compassion to those who are lonely.

If his disciples regularly misunderstand Jesus' teaching and are not the ideal role models for the days that lie ahead, Jesus knows that they need support. He has just offered a challenge which is so big that, by themselves, his disciples will be helpless. That is why he will not leave them alone: they will have the Holy Spirit to comfort, lead and guide them in peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness and wisdom. Through the Holy Spirit, they will literally live in the very heart of God. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, they will come to understand Jesus' message of love as God intends it to be. They will be unable to see Jesus, but they will find that his words will make sense and that he lives in their hearts and minds in ways they had never expected. They will come to realise why Jesus and his Father were inseparable.

If Andrew Lloyd Webber's song declares that "love changes everything", Burt Bacharach wrote of "those chains that bind you" and promises "enough germs to catch pneumonia" – but that's also true, isn't it? What primary-school parents and teachers don't pick up the same bugs as the little ones in their care? Does a five-year-old need social distancing or love and encouragement? Jesus' love is not about relationships in which people are kept at a distance; it's about rolling up our sleeves and being prepared to get our hands dirty. The truth is that we are bound to each other. True love is strong and isn't measured and distributed in small packets. Again, using the words of Andrew Lloyd Webber, where there's love, "pain is deeper than before" – but somehow, we know that it's worth it. If a small child falls over in a playground, nobody in their right senses abandons them to their sobs and bleeding knees. Covid and lockdown showed us how people looked out for each other – and if goodness is often visible in our ordinary, everyday lives, how much greater it is when our love also radiates the Holy Spirit of love.

Jesus knew that, with the coming of the Holy Spirit, nothing in the world could ever be the same – and he was right!

- 1. While telling his disciples that he is leaving them, Jesus declares an undying love that will not abandon them to empty hearts and lives of loneliness.*
- 2. The disciples will be unable to see Jesus, but they will find that his words will make sense and that he will be living in their hearts and minds in ways they had never expected.*
- 3. We are bound to each other, perhaps not by chains or silken ribbons, but true love is stronger than chains.*

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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, Nancy Preston.

Confirmations 2026

Confirmation Meetings will be held in Holy Rood Church Hall on each Tuesday. The next meeting is 12th May at 5.45-7.30pm. The Deanery Confirmation Mass will take place in Holy Rood Wednesday, 24th June at 7.00pm.

Exam Time

Please can we keep in our prayers all the young people of our parish who will be busy with any exams during the month of May.

First Holy Communion

Please remember in your prayers our 9 First Holy Communicants in the final week of preparation for the occasion of their First Holy Communion at the 5.30 Mass at St Michael's on 16th May.

Marist Pilgrimage to Walsingham - Saturday 4 July

Save The Date! The coach is booked for Saturday 4 July for our annual Marist Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham with our Cudworth Marist friends. Details of cost and pick-up points will be given on the newsletter later in May, and there will be sign-up sheets in all 3 churches.

Bonus Ball - Goldthorpe and Hoyland

2.5.26 The Bonus Ball was number 19. P. Tomlinson in Hoyland and T Swindells in Goldthorpe each won £25.

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.