

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading Exodus 19:2-6
Moses assures the disobedient Israelites that they are God's treasured possession.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 100
We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading Romans 5:6-11
God loves us, despite our flaws. Jesus' sacrifice is our proof.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.

Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 9:36 – 10:8
Jesus instructs the apostles to continue his work of loving people back to health and wholeness. Such transformations signalled the arrival of God's reign.

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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

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Weekday Cycle II

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	13 June	5.30pm	Julia & David Hill
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	14 June	9.00am	Neil Duffy
Sunday (St Helen's)	14 June	11.00am	People of the Parish
Tuesday (St Helen's)	16 June	10.00am	Joey Brett (Birthday/RIP)
Wednesday (St Michael's)	17 June	7.00pm	Audrey Salmon (RIP)
Thursday (St Helen's)	18 June	10.00am	Andrew Wade (RIP)
Friday (St Michael's)	19 June	11.30am	Requiem Mass of Audrey Salmon
Friday (St. Helen's)	19 June	1.45pm	Funeral Service of James Clark
Saturday (St Michael's)	20 June	11.00am	Intentions of Chris Leather
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	20 June	5.30pm	Jack Barry (Birthday Anniversary)
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	21 June	9.00am	Michael Bennett (RIP)
Sunday (St Helen's)	22 June	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 May
7 th June	£414.81	£ 1,734.96

'You shall be my treasured possession.' Exodus 19:5
Last year on 19 October, one of the most audacious heists of all time took place in Paris, France. Thieves broke into the Museum of the Louvre during opening hours and escaped with some of the country's most treasured possessions. Disguising themselves as workmen, they simply climbed a ladder and entered through an upstairs window. Visitors looked on open-mouthed as the robbers emptied display cabinets containing France's crown jewels. Within minutes they were speeding along the Seine on motor scooters, taking with them a collection of royal finery valued at eighty-eight million euros. The stolen items are unlikely to be recovered because those glittering tiaras and necklaces will by now have been broken up. Their value in criminal circles is no more than the market price of the individual gems. To the people of France, however, the historical and cultural worth of such exquisite pieces is inestimable. They are works of art, once worn by famous figures who shaped France's history. The nation has been robbed of its heritage. Many people have an emotional attachment to some treasured possession, though it may be of negligible monetary value and mean little to anyone else. Nevertheless, a personal item often has a story to tell. Its association with a loved one or with some proud moment in a person's life renders it unique... irreplaceable... priceless. Where is God's treasure to be found? Not in things, but in people. 'All the earth is mine,' says the Lord in our first reading, yet 'you shall be my treasured possession'. Only Jesus fully understood how much God prizes humanity, including those on the margins of society who, in his day, were considered worthless. Jesus' mission was to demonstrate the infinite breadth of God's embrace. He was certain that God treasures both those who are wayward and those who are virtuous; those who are sick and those who are strong. In today's Gospel he

compared human beings to sheep: vulnerable creatures who panic easily and tend to stray. People need shepherding, not condemning. It was why Jesus so readily forgave even the worst sinners and deliberately laid healing hands upon people suffering incurable diseases. Such miracles were a signal that God's reign was close. The kingdom of heaven was believed to have arrived when impossible things began to happen.

Not everyone rejoiced. Identifying marginalised people as God's treasured possessions was seen at the time to be both ridiculous and offensive, but Jesus was not portraying God as a doting parent who indulges sin. On the contrary, he was showing the love of God to be a transforming dynamic, for to feel cherished is to be changed. Paul's letter to the Romans speaks of people who once were disobedient to God being joyfully reinstated into the Christian community. 'You shall be to me,' God says in our first reading, 'a holy nation.'

Until this point, St Matthew's Gospel focused on the life's work of Jesus. Now it was the apostles' turn to proclaim God's kingdom. They were to show God actively at work in people's lives, transforming them into a 'holy nation'. They were to treasure sinners, not shun them.

Showing someone that they matter can indeed work miracles... miracles of the everyday kind, where people are seen to change and grow. This is the daily challenge of every parent and teacher, though they will tell us what we already know: that it is not always easy to treasure people. Even so, today's Gospel is uncompromising. Jesus instructs his apostles to imitate God's indiscriminate compassion, just as he has done.

Our Church is now that channel of God's life-changing love. We may not feel able to heal those who are sick and cleanse lepers, but anyone can heal a relationship if they have a mind to do so or wipe the slate clean by forgiving past wrongs. We may not be called to cast out demons, but we can work to rid our society of destructive influences. Raise the dead? Perhaps not, though sometimes all it takes is the hand of friendship for someone to feel life is worth living.

Jesus sends us out to proclaim God's kingdom, not just in words but by our attitude. As with the apostles, he addresses us by name, for each of us has a part to play in creating a society which sees the good in people and believes in their potential. Who knows what the outcome might be if we were to treasure those around us a little more? They might indeed come alive... so, might we!

Summary

1. The Louvre heist last year robbed France of its most treasured possessions. The cultural importance of the stolen jewels far exceeds their market value.

2. People are God's treasure. The mission of Jesus, bequeathed to his Church, was to demonstrate that God prized those whom society undervalued.

3. Creating a climate in which people have a sense of worth makes visible the kingdom of God, since feeling appreciated can have miraculous results.

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners, especially Phil Harrison, A Sick Person, 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, 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, Brendan Pells.

Bonus Ball

6.6.26 The winning number was 50. No winners. Rollover for Hoyland and Goldthorpe. There are now 2 rounds for the bonus ball. We will select the winner from Round 1.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:

Audrey Salmon: her Requiem Mass will be at St. Michael's on Friday 19th June at 11:30am. **James Clark:** his Funeral Service will be at St. Helen's on Friday 19th June at 1:45pm. **Anne Davis:** her Requiem Mass will be at St. Michael's Thursday 25th June at 10:30am. **Donald Allen:** his Funeral Service will be at Sacred Heart Church Friday 26th June at 12:15 pm. **Mary Smith:** her Requiem Mass will be at 16th July at 10:30am.

A Million Minutes

As part of this mission, we run Celebrating Young People: Revival (CYPR), a fully resourced, free programme for schools and parishes that helps young people explore faith, social action, leadership, and Catholic Social Teaching through dialogue and participation. As we prepare for the relaunch of CYPR for the 2026/27 academic year, we are reaching out to diocesan communications teams to help us spread the word through your networks, schools, parishes, and youth communities.

Booking link: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/millionminutes/2211750>

A Zoom link will be sent upon registration.

For anyone interested in signing up to CYPR 2026/27, the registration form can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeqIDgF1jTm48ggLq2vOa27BcVdkYJa5RYLX1YQG328ypoKaw/viewform>

For any queries, please contact Bernie at bernie@millionminutes.org.

Marist Pilgrimage to Walsingham - Saturday 4 July

Please sign the lists at the back of church to book your place for the pilgrimage. Amanda will be at 5.30pm mass at Wombwell on Saturdays 13 and 20 June to collect any payments and receipts will be given. Prices as last year - £25 Adult / £10 Child, payment by 20/21 June.