

Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

First Reading Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14b-16a The people wandering in the desert learn from Moses that they are being put to the test, yet even in their seamlessly endless journey they are cared for by the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 147
O Jerusalem, glorify the LORD!

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:16-17
Paul teaches the meaning of Communion; that in the Eucharist we are united, sharing the passion of the Lord..

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.
If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.

Alleluia.

Gospel John 6:51-58

In Jesus we are drawn into the life of God – the bread and wine in which we participate brings us into the life of the Lord himself and brings us to eternal life.

Parish of Corpus Christi

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

'And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' John 6:51

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	6 June	5.30pm	Miss Eva Ann Susan (8 th Birthday)
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	7 June	9.00am	Miss Patricia Hawkins (YB)
Sunday (St Helen`s)	7 June	11.00am	People of the Parish
Tuesday (St Helen`s)	9 June	10.00am	
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	10 June	7.00pm	Tony Steele (Successful Surgery)
Thursday (St Helen`s)	11 June	10.00am	
Friday (Sacred Heart)	12 June	10.00am	
Saturday (St Michael`s)	13 June	11.00am	
Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	13 June	5.30pm	Julia & David Hill
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	14 June	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen`s)	14 June	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 May
31 st May	£440.55	£ 1,734.96

An exhibition of photos by the contemporary British artist Matt Collishaw, entitled 'Last meal on Death Row, Texas', is both deeply disturbing and profoundly moving. There is a clear common theme in the series of thirteen works: depictions of the last meal requested by prisoners on Death Row before their subsequent execution. The background of each photo is a sombre black, with the meal, in colour, gently illuminated, depicted simply. Each picture is accompanied by a brief biography of the prisoner, describing why they chose their final meal and the date of their execution. The meals range from a bowl of fruit to grilled seafood, from a fast-food takeaway to a dish of profiteroles with chocolate. Each meal represents a human story, a crime with its impending punishment, a victim and the perpetrator, suffering and death: the stories are bleak. The thirteenth and final photograph, however, offers a profound interpretation of the series, shedding new light on it. It shows a glass chalice containing wine and an altar-bread, together representing Holy Communion, the body and blood of Christ. Whilst on death row, this prisoner had become a Catholic, and the teaching of Jesus that his body and blood are food for eternal life meant something of supreme importance to him: his last meal was the Eucharist, an act of faith in the face of death. For the artist, the series of thirteen paintings evokes the Last Supper, the apostles gathered at table with their Lord. The Last Supper took place immediately before the betrayal of Jesus, his suffering and his excruciating death. His discourse to the apostles, however, was about his abiding presence and the promise of eternal life. Jesus knew that the faith of the apostles would be deeply shaken. How could their belief in their Lord survive the horrors they would witness? How could his teachings survive his own demise? What was the future of their discipleship? St John is the only evangelist who does not give an account of the Last Supper, but it is his record of the words

of Jesus about his body and blood that draw us further into the mystery of the Eucharist: the link between suffering and death, the presence of Christ and the promise of eternal life.

The meal choice of the prisoner who chose Holy Communion as his last meal clearly resonates here. He certainly wasn't a saint but he could glimpse the immeasurable gift that Jesus Christ offers. This gift is not simply offered that our soul might be saved, but the bread, the flesh that Jesus gives, is 'for the life of the world'. Our Mass, our Eucharist, is not just for ourselves, but for all of God's people. As God provided food for the journey through the wilderness, God provides food for us: nourishment for today, and nourishment for ever. It was the earthly Jesus who said: 'Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day'. It is the risen Christ who is present in the Eucharist, a living sign of his promise.

When we commit to the Eucharist, our perspective on life is changed: we increasingly become people who live with the promise of eternal life in our heart, who live in the Lord as he lives in us, people of hope, living 'for the life of the world'. This changes how we live, and changes who we are. When we commit to the Eucharist it is because we are aware of our spiritual hunger and know that only God can satisfy this hunger. We evaluate what is truly important in life and focus less on what merely distracts, on what can diminish us. We have the best of all promises before us and will not be diverted to anything less.

The teaching of Jesus handed down to us by St John is in context: it cannot be separated from daily life, from the realities of life, from its joys and sorrows, from its beginnings and endings. So the Mass is given to us, the body and blood of Christ are shared amongst us during our life, helping us to understand what it means, and inspiring us to see how it can be. In committing to the Eucharist, to the body and blood of the Lord, we make our home in him, and he makes his home in us.

1. *In the Eucharist we offer the trials of our life to the Lord.*
2. *In the Eucharist we are promised eternal life.*
3. *The Eucharist is for 'the life of the world'.*
4. *The Eucharist is life-changing.*

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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, 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, Brendan Pells.

Children's Liturgy at Goldthorpe Sunday 14th June

Children's Liturgy will be during 9.00am mass at Goldthorpe for children who have Not Yet made their First Holy Communion. In two groups: 3-5 years old with Amanda, and 6-8 years old with Maureen.

Bonus Ball

30.5.26 The winning number was 33. P. Dyson won a double rollover £75 in Hoyland The winner in Goldthorpe was A. Campbell who won £25.

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. **Ann 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

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.