

Solemnity of Ss. Peter & Paul

First Reading Acts 12:1-11
Peter is helped to escape from King Herod's prison.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 34
From all my terrors the LORD set me free.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 17-18
Paul is coming to the end of his life on earth and thanks the lord for strengthening him to preach the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 16:13-19
Peter proclaims his faith in Jesus and Jesus makes Peter the bedrock of the church.

Parish of Corpus Christi

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



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Sunday 28th June 2026 Sunday Year A
Solemnity of Ss. Peter & Paul Weekday Cycle II

'You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church.' Matthew 16:18

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	27 June	5.30pm	Jessie Turner (Anniversary)
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	28 June	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen's)	28 June	11.00am	Mary Smith (RIP)
Tuesday (St Helen's)	30 June	10.00am	Audrey Salmon (RIP)
Wednesday (St Michael's)	1 July	7.00pm	Yorkshire Brethren
Thursday (St Helen's)	2 July	10.00am	Mary Smith (RIP)
Friday (Sacred Heart)	3 July	10.00am	Miss Patricia Hawkins (YB)
Saturday (St Michael's)	4 July	11.00am	
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	4 July	5.30pm	Jessie Turner (Anniversary)
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	5 July	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen's)	5 July	11.00am	Audrey Salmon

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
21 st June	£514.78	£ 1,734.96

Most of us have learned about the Second World War at school, or from films or television. We know about various events, like the Battle of Britain, D-Day, the Battle of the Bulge, the atomic bomb and so on. But there was one battle that is not as well-known and that continued for the whole of the war from 1939 to 1945. That was the Battle of the Atlantic. The war meant that Britain would run out of food and all of its supplies if they weren't brought in from overseas. Germany was determined to defeat Britain by sending submarines to sink the supply ships in the Atlantic Ocean. Most of the ships came from North America and had to run the gauntlet of what they called the 'Wolf Packs' of submarines that were out to sink them. In this battle some eighty thousand people were killed, including about four thousand five hundred Canadian sailors and six thousand from the USA. Most of the ships that survived the journey docked at the port of Liverpool on the River Mersey. As the ships approached the port, the sailors could see in the distance, high on the skyline, the silhouette of a dome that looked like a smaller version of St Peter's in Rome. When they saw it, they knew they were safe and it soon became known by the affectionate nickname, 'the Dome of Home'. In fact, that dome crowned the church of Ss Peter and Paul which stood at the top of a hill on the opposite bank of the river to Liverpool. Perhaps in our celebration today we could see a parable of that church guiding the sailors back home and the real living Saints Peter and Paul guiding us to the safety of the Church. We might wonder why Peter and Paul are linked together in so many churches throughout the world. It's because the early Church saw them as the two pillars of faith and that remains true today: Peter as the sign of unity, Paul as the great missionary. Tradition tells us that both Peter and Paul were martyred in Rome by the Emperor Nero. Peter was crucified and Paul was beheaded. But today, perhaps because of the monuments built in their honour, Peter and Paul might seem remote and unapproachable. St Peter's basilica in Rome is built over

Peter's tomb and the church is vast and truly awesome. If we let it, the monument could mask who Peter really was. Of course, he and Paul were human as we are. Our Gospel reading shows us Peter as an honest man who had, in the best sense of the word, a simple faith, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God'. That proclamation resulted in the privilege and burden that Jesus gave him. Jesus knew that Peter could be impetuous and weak at times but also knew the depth of his faith. Paul was at first the opposite of Peter. Paul was a Pharisee. His faith was in the Law of Moses and he vehemently opposed this new group who preached about Jesus. And we know what happened to him on the way to Damascus. After his conversion he preached the new faith with the same determination with which he had once opposed it.

Why did Jesus choose two such different personalities as Peter and Paul? All his apostles were an odd assortment: fishermen, a tax collector for the Romans, a fiery freedom fighter, a plodder, a dreamer and so on. So, what about us? We've been chosen, too. We're also a mixed bunch and, as disciples of Jesus, we're also called to be united in faith to draw other people to him.

I'll finish with a story. Brother Damian and Brother Daniel belonged to a religious order and they were having a heated argument. Brother Declan was listening to the two of them. Damian went off in a huff, leaving Daniel fuming. Declan liked to wind people up and in a sanctimonious voice he said to Daniel, 'Now, now brother, don't forget we are all brothers because we share the same baptism.' Quick as a flash, Daniel replied, 'But his baptism didn't take!' Baptism can't be like a failed vaccination. It's what makes us all brothers and sisters in Christ and prepares us for the Eucharist, the sign and source of our unity which we're celebrating today.

Summary

1. *Peter and Paul are twin pillars of the Church, who bring us joy in our faith.*
2. *Although we might hold them in awe, we remember that they are human as we are.*
3. *Our baptism unites us in Christ as brothers and sisters*

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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, Christine Mays, Percy Winterton, Anthony and Carole Dyson, Bernadette Hoults, Janette Barber, Paddy McNicholas, David Hardy, Hannah Prentiss, Thomas Collins, Norma Marshall, Val Armstrong, Margaret Booker, Norah Preuss, Nancy

Preston, Brendan Pells.

New Floor at St. Michael's

If you would like to make a donation via bank transfer, on the reference line please put "**Flooring**".

Bonus Ball

20.6.26 The winning number was 44. J. Andrews won £25 in Hoyland. ML Archibald won £25 in Goldthorpe.

Recently Deceased

Mary Smith: her Requiem Mass will be at 16th July at 10:30am at St. Helen's Church.

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

There has been a great response this year and ALL the seats on the coach are now taken. Coach pick-up points are Wombwell 0730 St Michael's church and Goldthorpe 0745, bus stop by Butterfly Cafe, Doncaster Road. We will depart Walsingham at 5.30pm. Any problems on the day please contact Pam Kershaw on 07867 505966 by 0715am. Thank you.

Women Together in Hallam

Are having their first meeting at the Hallam Pastoral Centre on **Saturday 4 July** 2026, from 10.00am to 12.00 noon, where we will welcome Judith Green, the new Diocesan Link for the National Board of Catholic Women (NBCW).

The Salvation Army Goldthorpe are requesting help to stock the Foodbank before Summer holidays begin. Stocks are low at present as more families are being supported not just in Goldthorpe but borough-wide. All Donations of non-perishable goods are very welcome - soup, beans, pasta, long life milk, cereal etc - and can be left at the back of church. Thank you from Alison and Jackie.