

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading Zechariah 9:9-10
Zechariah prophesies the coming of a king who is humble and riding a donkey..

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 145
I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

Second Reading Romans 8:9. 11-13
True life comes through allowing the Spirit of God to live in us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.
Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 11:25-30
Jesus calls us to rest in him, learning from his gentleness and humility.

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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
Weekday Cycle II

'Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'
Matthew 11:28

Think about it. From the day of his birth, Jesus had seen people struggle. Mary and Joseph told him of the circumstances surrounding his birth, of their escape from Herod into Egypt, and their return to Nazareth. Long before he left home, Jesus worked alongside Joseph and saw people who were tired, anxious and burdened. Later, he often experienced resistance, rejection and misunderstanding from those he tried to support. As Jesus travelled through Galilee and Judaea he met people who were poor, sick and forgotten. He knew how tough life could be – and used at least one opportunity to speak some of the most comforting words ever given to us: 'Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'

But Jesus also does something surprising: he thanks his Father for revealing God's deepest mysteries, not to those who are strong and powerful, but to those who are weak and powerless. He sees that those who believe they already know everything cannot be taught. Those who believe they are self-sufficient cannot receive grace. Those who are full of themselves have no room for God. 'Little children' are not naïve or simplistic. They come before God with empty hands, not pretending to be stronger than they are, not embarrassed to depend on God. They are the ones who say, 'Lord, I need you.'

Jesus does not say, 'Come to me, all who are perfect,' or, 'all who have sorted out their lives,' or, 'all who are spiritually impressive'. He calls those who are weary – those carrying burdens too heavy to bear. And who among us does not know something of that weariness? How many of us have experienced the exhaustion of responsibility, of grief, of caring for others, of uncertainty about the future, or of trying to be strong for everyone else? Jesus sees it all. He does not scold us for being tired. He does not tell us to try harder. He simply says, 'Come.'

Service Times & Intentions

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 (RIP)
Tuesday (St Helen's)	7 July	10.00am	Mary Smith (RIP)
Wednesday (St Michael's)	8 July	7.00pm	Healing Mass (intention: Sick of the Parish)
Thursday (St Helen's)	9 July	10.00am	
Friday (Sacred Heart)	10 July	10.00am	
Saturday (St Michael's)	11 July	11.00am	
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	11 July	5.30pm	Noreen Brown (RIP)
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	12 July	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen's)	12 July	11.00am	Michael Tomlinson (RIP)

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 June
28 th June	£	£ 1,864.96

Jesus continues: 'Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.' A yoke is a wooden beam that joins two animals so they can pull together. A yoke is not light and it's made for heavy work. Jesus, however, is not asking weary people to take on extra responsibilities. His yoke is a relationship in which he offers to walk beside us, letting him share the weight of our burdens rather than trying to pull alone, sometimes stumbling with the exhausting effort. Yoked to Jesus, we learn his way of gentleness, humility and trust.

Jesus does not promise a life without challenges. He promises that we will never face them alone. He promises that his way – his yoke – is 'easy' and his burden 'light', because he carries the heavier part.

The rest Jesus offers is not simply relaxation or escape. It is rest for the soul: a deep peace that comes from knowing we are loved, held and accompanied. It is the rest of surrendering our need to control everything. It is the rest of trusting that God is God and we are not.

This rest is not passive. It is the fruit of relationship. It grows when we pray, when we listen, when we let Jesus teach us his gentleness. It grows when we stop pretending to be invincible and allow ourselves to be the 'little children' to whom the Father reveals his love. In our world, so full of noise, pressure and self-reliance, Jesus' invitation is more urgent than ever. Many people carry invisible burdens: anxiety, loneliness, guilt, exhaustion, fear. Jesus does not ask us to hide these burdens. He asks us to bring them to him.

To come to Jesus is not a one-time act. It is a daily choice. It is the quiet prayer whispered in the morning: 'Lord, walk with me today.' It is the moment of surrender when we say, 'Jesus, I cannot carry this alone.' It is the humble trust of the little ones who know that God's strength is made perfect in weakness. Today, Jesus looks at each of us with the same tenderness he showed long ago. He sees our weariness. He knows our burdens. And he speaks again the words that have comforted generations: 'Come to me... and I will give you rest.'

Summary

1. *Jesus knew how tough life could be – and used at least one opportunity to speak some of the most comforting words ever given to us.*

2. *He calls those who are weary – those carrying burdens too heavy to bear – and does not tell us to try harder.*

3. *Jesus asks us to bring him our burdens of anxiety, loneliness, guilt, exhaustion and fear.*

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

Children's Liturgy at Goldthorpe - Sunday 12 July

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 years old with Amanda and 6-8 years old with Maureen. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Bonus Ball

27.6.26 The winning number was 24. T. Haigh was the winner in Goldthorpe. S. Marren was the winner in Hoyland

Recently Deceased

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

Sea Sunday - 12 July

Next Sunday is Sea Sunday. There will be a second collection. Stella Maris provides chaplains for those who work in the shipping and fishing industries. These people often work in difficult and dangerous conditions.

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.

CAFOD

the UK Disasters Emergency Committee, CAFOD is launching the Venezuela Earthquake Appeal to raise vital funds for communities affected by the devastating earthquakes in Venezuela.

Catholic Medical Association

Both on our website and on our Facebook page is a poster for the Catholic Medical Association. It is for doctors, nurses, medical students, and allied professional. Check out there poster if you have any interest.