

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading Isaiah 55:10-11
God's word is fruitful.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 65
Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

Second Reading Romans 8:18-23
The sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower;
all who find him will live for ever.
Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 13:1-23
Jesus tells the parable of the sower who went out to sow his seeds.

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



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Sunday 12th July 2026
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Sunday Year A
Weekday Cycle II

Service Times & Intentions

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)
Tuesday (St Helen's)	14 July	10.00am	
Wednesday (St Michael's)	15 July	7.00pm	
Thursday (St Helen's)	16 July	10.30am	Requiem Mass for Mary Smith
Friday (Sacred Heart)	17 July	10.00am	
Saturday (St Michael's)	18 July	11.00am	
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	18 July	5:30pm	Marjorie Philips
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	19 July	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen's)	19 July	11.00am	Audrey Salmon (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
5 th July	£505.04	£ 1,864.96

'And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach.' (Matthew 13:2)

Some years ago, marine archaeologists working off the Greek coast discovered a hitherto unknown, ancient shipwreck. In the ship's hold, the cargo seemed intact; unbroken terracotta jars still neatly stacked and holding their wine and olive oil. The hull was relatively undamaged, so why had the ship sunk? It seems likely that huge waves in a sudden massive storm had overwhelmed the ship before its crew could steer towards a safe anchorage or save themselves.

Three thousand years later, a song, 'The Ellan Vannin Tragedy,' recalls another maritime disaster. On 3 December 1909, the SS Ellan Vannin left the Isle of Man bound for Liverpool but sank in the Irish Sea along with her fifteen passengers, twenty-one crew members and sixty tons of cargo and mail. Very few boats of the time could have survived the sudden storm which was also one of the worst of the twentieth century. Battling waves over twenty-five feet high and winds of more than eighty miles an hour, the Ellan Vannin sank within a quarter of an hour.

Today's shipping still faces major storms – and not only due to bad weather. We've heard of pirates off the coast of Somalia, merchant vessels shelled when sailing through the Suez Canal, poor maritime pay and working conditions, substandard legislation which bankrupts fishermen – and still we expect goods and services to reach us. That's why today, Sea Sunday, we pray for 'those in peril on the sea'.

On this Sea Sunday, we remember all who live and work upon the waters, and we reflect on the Gospel of the sower. Jesus tells of seed scattered on different kinds of ground: some falls on the path, some on rocky soil, some among thorns, and some on good soil, where it bears fruit abundantly.

For seafarers, this parable speaks powerfully. Their lives are marked by uncertainty:

storms, isolation and long months away from home. Like seed on rocky ground, faith can be tested by hardship. Like seed among thorns, worries and pressures can choke hope. Yet when the Word of God finds good soil in the heart, it brings strength, courage and peace, even in the fiercest storm.

The sea itself is a parable. Waves may scatter ships across the globe, but God's Word is never lost. Chaplains and missions to seafarers sow seeds of kindness in ports and harbours. Families sow seeds of love through letters and prayers. Communities sow seeds of justice when they work for fair treatment of those who sail. Each act of care is a seed that can bear fruit in lives often hidden from our sight.

Today, we pray that the hearts of seafarers may be good soil, receiving the Word with joy.

On Sea Sunday we are invited to reflect on the lives of seafarers. Most of us rarely think about those who bring us the goods we use every day. Yet over ninety per cent of world trade is carried by ship. The clothes we wear, the food we eat, the fuel that warms our homes: all are transported across oceans by crews who often spend months away from their families. Their work is demanding, lonely and sometimes dangerous. They face storms, accidents, piracy and isolation. Many seafarers come from poorer nations, working long hours for modest pay, often in difficult conditions. They deserve our prayers, our respect and our support.

*Sea Sunday also calls us to consider our stewardship of creation. The oceans are vast and beautiful, but they are also fragile. Pollution, overfishing and climate change threaten marine life and the livelihoods of coastal communities. As Christians, we are called to care for creation, to respect the gifts of the sea, and to work for justice for those whose lives are most affected by environmental harm. Pope Francis, in *Laudato Si'*, reminded us that the cry of the earth and the cry of those who are poor are one. On this day we remember that the well-being of seafarers and the health of the oceans are deeply connected.*

Finally, Sea Sunday is a reminder of our own journey of faith. As we pray for those who sail the seas, let us also remember that we, too, are pilgrims on a voyage. So today let us give thanks for the sea and for those who serve upon it. Let us pray for their safety, their families and their wellbeing. Let us commit to caring for creation and supporting those who are most vulnerable.

Summary

1. *Today's shipping still faces major storms – and not only due to bad weather.*

2. *Seafarers' lives are marked by uncertainty. Like seed on rocky ground, faith can be tested by hardship.*

3. *Seafarers deserve our prayers, our respect and our support.*

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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, and Brendan Pells.

Peter's Pence

The collection for Peter's Pence was £165.44. Thank you for your generosity.

Bonus Ball

4.7.26 The winning number was 47. C. Partridge was the winner in Goldthorpe. Rollover in Hoyland

Recently Deceased

Mary Smith: her Requiem Mass will be at 16th July at 10:30am at St. Helen's Church. Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Canon Galvin**.

Sea Sunday - 12 July

This 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.