

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading Isaiah 55:1-3
The Lord provides nourishment for all who turn to him.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 145
You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

Second Reading Romans 8:35. 37-39
Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.
Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 14:13-21
They all ate and were satisfied

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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

'He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.' Matthew 14:19

Among the Vatican's list of commended films is one from the 1980s entitled *Babette's Feast*. It is set in a Protestant sect in a village in Jutland on the coast of Denmark in the late 1800s. When the pastor dies his two daughters give up their suitors, an army officer and a tenor in the Paris opera, and devote themselves to the dwindling elderly flock. They are helped by a French refugee, recommended to them by the Parisian tenor. She improves the soup regularly taken by the daughters to their parishioners. However, a past benefactor has kept her lottery ticket up to date, and she suddenly finds that she has won ten thousand francs. The girls think she will now return to France, but all she asks is that she can send to France to have the provisions sent for a feast that she will prepare for the villagers. As the food and drink arrive, the narrow-minded villagers agree that they will accept the invitation but make no comment on what they are eating. However, also present is the officer, now a general, who is not bound by this agreement and who recognises the main dish as the speciality of the most prestigious Parisian restaurant. Babette had been the chef there. Meanwhile the effect of the meal on the old people is that they let go of their feuds and wrangling and rediscover the love and brightness they once had. The film ends with them wandering out into frosty streets in a long smiling conga.

If, in the Gospels, we see Jesus healing a variety of diseases, we also see him feeding the crowds and enjoying meals with a very mixed group of people: those who are powerful and poor, highly respected and cast out. The sharing of food and feasting runs through the Old Testament. As the people of Israel wander through the desert, their constant complaint is the lack of food, and when they are fed with manna they are soon complaining how boring it is.

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	1 AUG	5:30pm	Audrey Salmon (RIP)
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	2 AUG	9.00am	Canon John Galvin (RIP)
Sunday (St Helen's)	2 AUG	11.00am	People of the Parish
Tuesday (St Helen's)	4 Aug	10.00am	
Wednesday (St Michael's)	5 Aug	7.00pm	
Thursday (St Helen's)	6 Aug	10.00am	
Friday (Sacred Heart)	7 Aug	10.00am	
Saturday (St Michael's)	8 Aug	11.00am	
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	8 AUG	5:30pm	Audrey Salmon (RIP)
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	9 AUG	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen's)	9 AUG	11.00am	Mary Smith (RIP)

Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Lady Chapel directly after the Vigil Mass on Saturday.

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 July
26 th July	£401.96	£ 1,887.91

The preparing of food for others is important and seen as a way in which God appears to his people. We think of Abraham preparing a meal for his heavenly visitors, or Elijah asking the widow to prepare a little food for him out of the remains of flour and oil, all she has left in the time of famine. The Exodus of the people of Israel from Egypt begins with the meal of lamb and unleavened bread, and Jews still today celebrate their flight into freedom with the same meal. In the synoptic Gospels, the Last Supper Jesus shares with his disciples is the Passover meal, but he gives it a new significance as he blesses the bread and wine and asks them to do the same in memory, not of this meal, but of the sacrifice he is about to suffer on our behalf. The Eucharist we now celebrate is the act in which we recognise Jesus as the one who brings us freedom.

We are asked to look at the way we nourish one another, both in our ordinary life and in the Eucharist. As Babette's feast brings about reconciliation and transformation for its participants, so can we examine how far the Eucharist and our daily meals renew our life. It may be easier to see this happening in the Eucharist. As St Augustine of Hippo said: 'We are the Body of Christ. We come to the Eucharist to receive the Body of Christ, so that we may go back into the world as the renewed Body of Christ.'

Our daily meals, apart from special celebrations, may seem more trivial. However, we need to remember that the form of the sacraments is derived from particular aspects of our daily lives so that we may return to them with an understanding of how those daily acts are also effective signs of God's blessing.

Another aspect we see in the actions of Jesus is that he is never mean. At the marriage feast of Cana, Jesus provides a hundred and eighty gallons of wine, nearly a thousand bottles. And in today's feeding of the five thousand, twelve baskets of leftovers are gathered up. If in today's divided but busy world it is difficult to invite all and sundry to our tables, we can at least contribute generously to the food banks, which try to alleviate the sad inequality with which we live. You never know, at some point we may also find ourselves doing the conga!

Summary

1. The film *Babette's Feast* celebrated the transformative power of sharing a meal together.
2. Jesus is seen sharing meals with people from all walks of life.
3. The Last Supper Jesus shares with his disciples becomes the effective sign of his sacrificial presence among us, bringing us freedom.
4. We are asked to enrich our lives as Christ's body in our celebration of the Eucharist, showing the world the same generosity we have encountered in Christ.

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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, Vicky Quinn, and Brendan Pells.

Bonus Ball

25.7.26 The winning number was 50: Both churches had rollovers. If you would like to play the bonus ball, it is only £1 a week for a chance to win £25.

Recently Deceased

The Requiem Mass for **Canon John Galvin** will be at Holy Rood Church on Tuesday 11th August: at 11:30 AM and Reception and Mass at 6pm the night before.

Joint Diocesan Camino

Leeds Walsingham Way is a NEW Joint Diocesan Camino for the Year of St Francis of Assisi! Full information and links for Day Pilgrims to sign up for any of the days walking through Leeds or Hallam Dioceses here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/day-pilgrims-invited-to-join-new-diocesan-walking-pilgrimage/> ALL welcome to join for Mass: Camino begins Saturday 12 September with 8am Pilgrims' Mass at Leeds Cathedral, followed by walk to Wakefield; 8am Sunday Mass at St Austin's, Wakefield, followed by walk into Hallam; Tuesday 15 September 8am Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield, followed by walk to Padley Martyrs' Chapel.

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.

Confirmation Certificates

For those who were confirmed in Holy Rood last month, Confirmation Certificates can be collected from Fr. Declan.

Children's Liturgy at Goldthorpe

There will be no Children's Liturgy during August, we will begin again at 0900 mass on Sunday 13 September.

Dearne Churches Together Family Fun Day - Wednesday 5 August

There will be a Family Fun Day on Wednesday 05 August, 1100am - 1.00pm at Goldthorpe Railway Embankment and Salvation Army (Straight Lane). Our theme for the day is Wise Actions. There will be crafts, activities and games for all the family, and lunch provided. To book places please contact Julie Turner on 07729 421405 or email julie@gpcchurch.co.uk.