

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Isaiah 45:1. 4-6
From the rising of the sun and from the west, there is none besides me.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 96
Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life.

Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21
Render to God the things that are God's.

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

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	17 OCT	5:30pm	Someone Special
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	18 Oct	9:00am	M Walker (RIP)
Sunday (St Helen's)	18 Oct	11:00am	People of the Parish
Tuesday (St Helen's)	20 Oct	10.00am	
Wednesday (St Michael's)	21 Oct	7.00pm	Anne Marie & John Hamilton
Thursday (St Helen's)	22 Oct	10.00am	
Friday (Sacred Heart)	23 Oct	10.00am	
Saturday (St Michael's)	24 Oct	11.00am	
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	24 Oct	5:30pm	Dainty & Davies Family Deceased Members
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	25 Oct	9:00am	Ivan Matsumoto (RIP)
Sunday (St Helen's)	25 Oct	11:00am	People of the Parish

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 September
11 th October	£506.25	£ 1884.96

'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.' Matthew 22:21

Two hundred years ago, a young woman in Lyon, France, was moved to found an organisation known to us today as the Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF), which forms part of Missio. This initiative grew from humble beginnings: small groups of ordinary people meeting regularly to pray for missionaries, to share information about their efforts, and to offer a few coins to support their work.

Following an intense religious conversion experience, Blessed Pauline Jaricot's story is one of struggle with sickness, rejection, misunderstanding and being cheated by those with evil intent. She died officially registered as a pauper. Yet her legacy, the APF, blossomed and flourished across Catholic Europe, reaching us here, in the UK, shortly after the Restoration of the Hierarchy in 1850, when APF grants from Rome helped Catholics to rebuild the post-Reformation Church.

In 1922, Pope Pius XI designated APF as the official mission-funding body for the entire Church, and four years later he established World Mission Sunday to be celebrated every year by every Catholic community in the world.

Ninety years ago, the Mill Hill Missionaries, founded by Cardinal Herbert Vaughan, joined forces with APF on the recommendation of the Bishops' Conference. The Red Box network was born and lives on wherever the Church is present.

Men with evil intent tried to trick Jesus into saying something that would compromise him with the authorities and weaken his mission. They met their match in Jesus, whose gentle strength and disarming wisdom sent them away even more focused on working towards his downfall.

We do not need to be reminded in these troubled times that many powerful men of this world are threatened by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, perhaps even by Jesus himself. The 'Caesars' of our world demand unconditional obedience to their will, tolerating no dissension. They lie, cheat, squander, exploit, wage war, sow division and happily flout God's most basic commandments.

When Jesus responded that we should give to Caesar what is Caesar's, he surely did not mean we should submit without question to those who clearly act contrary to the Gospel. The Gospel arms us with the truth that we are one in Christ, who leads us to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. St Paul reminds us in today's second reading that we are chosen and loved by God. This gift carries with it the responsibility to share our faith in word and action, that is, to be missionaries where we are and support the global mission of the Church. By giving to God what is God's, we will challenge those values that are contrary to the Gospel, and welcome God's kingdom into our world.

On this occasion, the centenary of World Mission Sunday, Pope Leo has chosen the theme 'One in Christ, united in mission'. Thus he calls us to keep our gaze fixed on the Lord, so that he may truly be at the centre of our lives and communities, the centre of every word, action and relationship, leading us to echo the amazing words of St Paul to the Galatians: 'It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.'

There is an adage that says, 'A church that does not send is very near its end.' Baptism makes us all missionaries. There is no essential distinction between those wonderful men and women who have, over the centuries, carried the Gospel to the peoples of this world, and most of us, who bear witness to Christ at home.

Popes Benedict XVI, Francis and our present missionary, Pope Leo XIV, all repeat the truth that 'The Church does not engage in proselytism. Instead, she grows by attraction.' We will attract people to Christ by the love we show them, our respect for life, the inner joy we manifest, our willingness to forgive, and our reaching out to those in need. We reject violence in all its forms; we choose life, not death.

We will also support missionaries working abroad, young Churches too small or too poor to support themselves, and especially those Christians living with persecution and in the many war-torn areas of the world. We will love our enemies and pray for those who reject and despise us, and we will do this together as 'one in Christ', drawing strength from one another and from Christ.

If Christ is the sun, then we, the Church, are the moon, reflecting God's love the world, enlightening all with the truth of the Gospel.

Summary

1. We are one in Christ, united in the mission we have received from Jesus Christ.

2. We challenge everything contrary to the Gospel with God's love shining from within us.
3. We are responsible for supporting missionaries and our brothers and sisters in struggling Catholic communities across the world.

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners, especially Phil Harrison, 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, Vicky Quinn, a sick person, and Brendan Pells.

Bonus Ball

10.10.26 The winning number was 21: E Coefield in Hoyland and I Stones in Goldthorpe. Both won £25. If you would like to play the bonus ball, it is only £1 a week for a chance to win £25.

First Holy Communion 2027

There will be an introduction meeting on Monday 19th October at St Michaels Church Hall at 6pm. It is for parents/carers and children to attend. See **Julia Goddard** or **Amanda Campbell** for more information.

Diocese of Hallam Annual Safeguarding Event

Saturday 14th November 2026 at St Peter in Chains Doncaster from 9:45 till 4pm. Refreshments and a free lunch will be provided. The event is open to parishioners, but would be of particular interest those involved in parish ministry, or are thinking about doing so. Further details are on the poster in the porch as you leave the church.

Day-Pilgrimage to Walsingham - Tuesday 8 December

Save the date! There will be a day pilgrimage to Walsingham on Tuesday 8 December, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The coach is booked with usual pick up points at Wombwell and Goldthorpe. There will be sign-up lists at the back of each church from the weekend of 24/25 October.

There is a second collection today for **World Mission Sunday**.

Please bring in your red boxes.

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