

All Saints' Day

First Reading Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14
All the saints in glory, standing before the throne of the Lamb, give praise to God with one voice.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 24
Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-3
The revelation of God is gradual and ultimately transformative. When we see God, we will be like him..

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest.

Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12a
Jesus promises eternal reward to those who live the values of the kingdom of heaven.

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

All Saints' Day/ 31st Week in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.' Matthew 5:3

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	31 Oct	5:30pm	Nancy Preston (RIP)
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	1 Nov	9:00am	The Smith Family
Sunday (St Helen's)	1 Nov	11:00am	People of the Parish
Monday (St. Michael's)	2 Nov	10.00am	All Souls' Day
Tuesday (St Helen's)	3 Nov	10.00am	November Dead List
Wednesday (St Michael's)	4 Nov	7.00pm	November Dead List
Thursday (St Helen's)	5 Nov	10.00am	November Dead List
Friday (Sacred Heart)	6 Nov	11.00am	November Dead List
Saturday Vigil (St Michael's)	7 Nov	5:30pm	Julia and David Hill (RIP)
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	8 Nov	9:00am	Miley and Paddy Connors (RIP)
Sunday (St Helen's)	8 Nov	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
25 th October	£350.83	£ 1884.96

We have just celebrated the Year of St Francis, marking 800 years since the saint's death. One of the best known and most beloved saints of the Church was as remarkable in the manner of his passing as he was in his life. In his Canticle, composed shortly before his death, he wrote:

Praised be you, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death,
From whom no one living can escape...

Blessed are those whom she will find in your most holy will,
For the second death will do them no harm.

Praise and bless my Lord,
And give him thanks and serve him
Humbly but grandly!

St Francis willingly embraced Sister Death, having been granted by God a vision of the blissful life of heaven awaiting him. His heroic and exemplary life can inspire and encourage us – but may also leave us feeling unworthy or disempowered, for few are called or gifted to live such a life or die such a graced death. Yet all is not lost: the road to sanctity lies open before each one of us. This Feast of All Saints inspires and encourages us, giving us hope that the life of glory enjoyed by the saints awaits us too, by God's mercy and grace. For Jesus, our life in heaven is rooted in, and springs from, our life now, here below. Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, who are merciful, pure in heart, peacemakers, and persecuted witnesses can all rejoice, for they are blessed and filled with God's grace.

The path to sainthood is both carrot and stick: we are inspired and encouraged, yet also challenged and urged forward. The mystical vision of St John in Revelation appeals to our imagination and presents a visual symphony of heaven, where all the redeemed surround the throne of the Lamb, the Lord who was slain and is alive. Our only response to this vision is adoration and praise. We are enticed onwards and upwards: what those who have gone before us have achieved is promised also to us.

The first letter of John teaches that our transformation and translation into God's glory is not our work but God's: 'We know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.' Moses, who merely glimpsed the glory of the Lord, came down from the mountain with his face shining. We hope in the Lord and are purified, made pure as he is pure.

What practical steps might we take towards sainthood? Wise words, variously attributed to a business entrepreneur and to Buddha, are surely helpful here:

Watch your thoughts, they become words; watch your words, they become actions; watch your actions, they become habits; watch your habits, they become character; watch your character, for it becomes your destiny.

For the Christian, this becomes a powerful, transformative path to sanctity. It is an invitation to be formed by the Word of God as encountered in the scriptures and in the liturgy of the Church. At Mass we are immersed in the Word of God: in the greeting, the sacred dialogue between priest and people, in the readings, in the symbolism that surrounds us, in the prayers and hymns and in the dismissal, where we are sent out to share what we have received.

It is the Word of God that shapes our thoughts, keeps us focused on God, and orients us towards him. Being thus imbued with the Word, we increasingly act in the ways of God. Beginning with our divinely inspired thoughts, we eventually arrive at the destiny prepared for us: the glory of the kingdom of heaven. Suddenly, the daunting task of becoming saints can seem manageable – something on which we can all focus our efforts.

Today's feast reminds us of something else, something vital: we are not merely on a personal, individual journey where we can become lost, confused, or discouraged. We are a pilgrim people, travelling together, offering one another help, support, consolation, inspiration, encouragement and hope. As we journey together, we arrive at our

heavenly destination together and are welcomed into the community of all who have travelled before us and triumphed against the odds. We are now eternally among the blessed.

Summary

1. As we all will die, so we all have the promise of eternal life.
2. We are both encouraged and challenged on our road to sainthood.
3. It is God who prepares us and transforms us for heaven.
4. The Word of God shapes us to be fit for the kingdom.

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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, a sick person, Susan Smith and Brendan Pells.

Bonus Ball

24.10.26 The winning number was 13: V. Jevons won in Goldthorpe. I lost the name of Hoyland's winner (Sorry). If you would like to play the bonus ball, it is only £1 a week for a chance to win £25.

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

A 47-seater coach is booked for the pilgrimage, prices are £25 Adult / £10 Child. Usual pick-up points: 0730 St Michael's church Wombwell and 0745 bus stop by Butterfly Cafe, Doncaster Road, Goldthorpe. Please sign the lists at the back of our 3 churches to book your place. Payment please by the weekend of 28/29 November. Contacts are Amanda Campbell (07505 408870) Pam Kershaw (07867 505966) and Theresa Swindells (07724 228327).