33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16
Wisdom is radiant and unfading. She is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 63
For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

Second Reading 1 Thess 4:13-18
For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring to new life those who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Stay awake and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13
So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	**14 Nov**	**5:30pm**	People of the Parish
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	**15 Nov**	**9:00am**	Ruth Campbell & Jane Thurston (RIP)
Sunday (St Helen`s)	**15 Nov**	**11:00am**	Andrew J. Marren (RIP)
Tuesday (St Helen`s)	17 Nov	10.00am	November Dead List
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	18 Nov	7.00pm	November Dead List
Thursday (St Helen`s)	19 Nov	10.00am	Tom Hanrahan (RIP)
Friday (Sacred Heart)	20 Nov	10.00am	November Dead List
Saturday (St. Michael's)	21 Nov	11.00am	November Dead List
Saturday Vigil (St Michael`s)	**21 Nov**	**5:30pm**	Saul Soares Cabral
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	**22 Nov**	**9:00am**	Tom Hanrahan (RIP)
Sunday (St Helen`s)	**22 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.
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Date	Parish Collection	Standing Orders for October
8th November	£ 386.91	£ 1807.91

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Sunday 15th November 2026 — Sunday Year A
33rd Week in Ordinary Time — Weekday Cycle II

'You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' Matthew 25:21

Lawrencia grew up in West Point, Liberia, an area with serious challenges due to poverty. As Lawrencia herself says, 'If you are from West Point and you go into town… they can look down on you… they won't see you as somebody who will make an impact in the community.'

As a child, Lawrencia helped her mother to dry fish and sell it. With the money she earned she saved to pay her school fees and to fund her university studies. She now works for an organisation which offers training to other women in West Point, to increase their profits so they can pay their children's school fees.

Iana lives in Kyiv, Ukraine. When the war started, she opened her home to people who were displaced. From there she went on to volunteer with a local church organisation, giving out aid, helping in children's centres and visiting the elderly. Many of the other volunteers Iana works alongside are displaced people themselves.

Wakera shared his skills for growing food in harsh climates with a group of women in Kenya who had lost everything during three years of drought. Through the organisation he works for, he provided them with seeds and tools to plant their own kitchen garden. He also gave them shade nets to protect the plants from the scorching sun. The women are now able to grow food to feed themselves and their families, and to sell their produce. They continue to work together, helping one another build shelters and collecting the firewood and water that they need.

Our readings today speak to us about how faith is not just something personal between us and God. Faith also calls us to live differently.

In the first reading, the 'good wife' reaches out to those who are poor and needy. In Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, he tells them that just because they do not know when the Lord will come again does not mean they should relax. They are called to stay awake, to continue to be prepared, to show that they love the Lord through their actions.

In the parable of the talents, two of the servants make the most of the gift they have been given. The one who buries it in the ground – who does not share it, use it or make something of it – incurs the wrath of his master.

We are all unique and special. We have all been given gifts from God, and we are all expected to use these 'talents' to become the person that God knows and wants us to be: the very best version of ourselves. God loves us and is merciful to us. We are called to share this love and mercy with others as part of our faith. In this way, his mercy multiplies, just like the talents in the parable we have heard today.

This is what Lawrencia, Iana, Wakera, and the women in Kenya have been doing. On the World Day of the Poor, they show us that no matter our background, wealth or status, we can all do something to help one another. They have taken their God given gifts and shared them onwards, multiplying them. Those they have helped also go on to support others, building a better future for their children and for the wider community, multiplying them even further.

So let us take time to look inside ourselves. What gifts, skills, and talents have we been given? How will we make sure that we do not bury them in the ground, disappointing our Lord and Master who has placed his trust in us?

Making the most of our gifts can be challenging. It almost certainly requires hard work, but it is not impossible. As we hear in the Gospel, he gave to each servant 'according to his ability'. We are not to hide behind fear, false humility, or the idea that it is someone else's responsibility to do something. Instead, we consider how to use our talents for the good of all people, sharing God's compassion in our troubled world.

As Pope Leo reminded us this time last year: 'The poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel.' We pray for the grace and courage to live out this truth.

Summary

1. We are called to put our faith into action by making use of the gifts that God has given us in the service of God and of others.
2. We each have our own unique gifts and we all have a role we can play, no matter our background.
3. On the World Day of the Poor we reflect particularly on how we can share God's mercy and love in our troubled world, as well as the lessons we can all, whatever our personal circumstances or resources, learn about God's love from one another.

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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

7.11.26 The winning number was 40: J Fleming in Goldthorpe and K Palfreyman in Hoyland were winners. If you would like to play the bonus ball, it is only £1 a week for a chance to win £25.

Day-Pilgrimage to Walsingham - Tuesday 8 December

A coach is booked for the pilgrimage, prices are £25 Adult / £10 Child. Pick-up points: 0730 St Michael's Wombwell and 0745 bus stop by Butterfly Cafe, Doncaster Rd, Goldthorpe. Sign-up lists at the back of our 3 churches. Payment due by the weekend of 28/29 November. Contacts are Amanda (07505 408870) Pam (07867 505966) &Theresa (07724 228327).

St Wilfrid's Centre Christmas Concert

On Wednesday 2 December, 6.30pm at Mother of God Church - a festive get-together to celebrate the season and raise money for St Wilfrid's Centre's work with homeless and isolated people in Sheffield. Music and Readings by St Wilfrid's Singers and the Hallam African Catholic Choir. A Christmas craft shop will be there, with items made by clients and volunteers of the Centre. Tickets are £10 at - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-wilfrids-christmas-carol-service-tickets-2003960705415. Refreshments of tea/coffee /mulled wine and mince pies are included in your ticket price.

Carol Service 13 December - Practices after 9am Mass each Sunday til then.

Joint Carol Service

There will be a joint Carol Service in Wombwell with the Salvation Army Sunday **20th December at 6pm.** This year the Salvation Army will be hosting there service next door to St. Michael's.