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Incorporating the Churches of St. Helen's, St. Mary's, and St. Joseph the Worker
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Diocese of Hallam: St. Jude's Parish REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 512022

Please pray for all the elderly, the sick and the housebound of our Parish and those named below
Pat Buckley, Ray Tuffield, Lynn Babiash, Helen Maggio, Graham Lister, Ray & Chris Carter, Richard & Sheila Cummins, June Downs, Sally Burton, Barry Oliver, Dr Philip Hobson, Jean Kinnell, Kathleen Lake, Teresa Warden, Pat Hughes, Josie Thompson, Shaun Kenny, Elsie Robinson, Eddie Humes, Maisie Coney, Phyllis Burton, Anita Clarkson, Alex Carlin, Christina Martin, Mel McCluskie, Pam Little, Robin Clarkson, residents of our Nursing and Care Homes, and patients in Bassetlaw Hospital. Please email the Parish Office if anyone needs to be added or removed. Thank you.
N.B. In order to comply with GDPR legislation, please ensure that named individuals and/or family members have given their consent for their names to be published in the bulletin and on our website. Many thanks.
Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased & those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

<u>Masses for all three churches from Saturday 27th December to Sunday 4th January 2026</u>			
27 Saturday Vigil	6pm JW	Feast of the Holy Family	Intentions of Lynn, Frank & Christian Babiash
28 Sunday	9am SH	Feast of the Holy Family	Sally & Philip Burton
28 Sunday	11am SM	Feast of the Holy Family	People of the Parish
31 Wednesday	10am SM	Commemoration of St Silvester I	November Memorial List
01 Thursday	10am JW	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	November Memorial List
02 Friday	10am SH	Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen	Albert Allen RIP
03 Saturday Vigil	6pm JW	Second Sunday of Christmas	Vera Carroll RIP
04 Sunday	9am SH	Second Sunday of Christmas	People of the Parish
04 Sunday	11am SM	Second Sunday of Christmas	Nellie Jackson RIP
KEY: SH = St Helen's Church SM = St Mary's Church JW = St Joseph the Worker Church			
<i>Mass intention request slips are available in church with envelopes and from the parish website.</i>			
<i>Please use these slips and add RIP if the person is deceased or email with details. Many thanks.</i>			

<u>Sanctuary Lamp Intentions for this week</u>		
<i>This week each seven-day Sanctuary Lamp candle will be lit continuously for the following intentions</i>		
Church	Intention	Sponsor
St Joseph the Worker	November Memorial List	St Jude's Parish
St Helen's	Pat & Francis Buckley	Anonymous
St Mary's	November Memorial List	St Jude's Parish
<i>Sanctuary Lamp intention request slips are available in church with envelopes and from the parish website.</i>		
<i>Please use these slips, or email, and add RIP if the person is deceased. Many thanks.</i>		

Holy Mass in Polish every Sunday at 4pm in the Church of St. Joseph the Worker, 101 Wingfield Avenue, Worksop, S80 0SF. Please see www.parafia-mansfield.co.uk for details or contact Fr. Kazimierz Bidzinski on 01623 626470.

Holy Mass Syro-Malabar Rite in St. Joseph the Worker Church. For the current Mass Times, please contact :- Fr. Jom Mathew Kizhakkarakattu: The Presbytery of St. Joseph the Worker, 101 Wingfield Avenue, Worksop, S81 0SF. Email address: Jomkm@csmegb.net or mobile 07888 170451. National website: www.eparchyofgreatbritain.org/

Flame of Love Rosary will next be held on Wednesday 7th January 2026 at 6.30pm at St Helen's Church.

Prayer Group meeting every Thursday following morning mass, in St. Joseph's Church Hall, Worksop. All welcome.

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions - December – For Christians in areas of conflict
Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Please email stjudesworksopoldcotes@gmail.com to subscribe to the weekly bulletin. You may unsubscribe by request at any time.

OFFERING – The offerings last week for the Parish were £837.14. Many thanks for all your kindness and generosity.

NOTICES:

Please kindly remember in your prayers Mr Agbo Emeka and Attah Mirian Ifechukwu who are getting married on 17th January in Nigeria.

The **Parish Office** will be closed from 24th December until 6th January. If you need to contact the office, please either email or phone and leave a message.

Thank you all for your Christmas cards, offerings, gifts and good wishes. May Almighty God bless us in the New Year 2026 with love, peace and prosperity

Date for Diary – Confirmation will be on Wednesday 8th July 2026 at 6.30pm.

The latest issue of **Hallam Bridge** is now available. If you would like a copy of this please contact the parish office. You can subscribe on <https://hallam-diocese.com/bridge/> to receive a copy as soon as it is released.

Mary's Meals – We have heard from Leftover Currency and the total donation to Mary's Meals came to £123.42. A breakdown of the currency was sent and everything has a value even old, out of circulation and unexchangeable currency. The boxes will remain at the back of the churches for the time being and will be emptied periodically. Thank you so much

St Wilfrid's Centre is looking to recruit a new Director. Please see their website stwilfridscentre.org for the job description, person specification and application form. The closing date is midnight Sunday 4th January 2026.

FR DESMOND AND THE PARISH OFFICE WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL PARISHIONERS A PEACEFUL AND BLESSED NEW YEAR

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
*The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.*

COLLECT
O God, who were pleased to give us
the shining example of the Holy Family,
graciously grant that we may imitate them
in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity,
and so, in the joy of your house,
delight one day in eternal rewards.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING Sirach 3:2–6. 12–14
A reading from the Book of Sirach.
The Lord honoured the father above the children,
and he confirmed the judgement of the mother over her sons.
Whoever honours his father atones for sins,
and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure.
Whoever honours his father will be gladdened by his own children,
and when he prays he will be heard.
Whoever glorifies his father will have long life,
and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother.
O son, help your father in his old age
and do not grieve him as long as he lives;
even if he is lacking in understanding, show indulgence;
in all your strength do not despise him.
For kindness to a father will not be forgotten,
and against your sins it will be credited to you.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5. R. cf. 1
R: Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.
1. Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper. *R.*
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table. *R.*
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the LORD.
May the LORD bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life! *R.*

SECOND READING Colossians 3:12-21
A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians.
(for shorter form read between > <)
> Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and
beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness,
and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint
against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven
you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love,
which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the
peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were

called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in
you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness
in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do
everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the
Father through him. <
Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.
Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.
Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the
Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become
discouraged.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Colossians 3:15a. 16a
R: Alleluia, Alleluia.
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 2:13-15. 19-23
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
When the Magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord
appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and
his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for
Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' And he rose
and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt
and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what
the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Out of Egypt I called my son.'
But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in
a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 'Rise, take the child and his
mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's
life are dead.' And he rose and took the child and his mother and
went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was
reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to
go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district
of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that
what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would
be called a Nazarene.
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation,
humbly asking that,
through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and
Saint Joseph,
you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your
peace.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

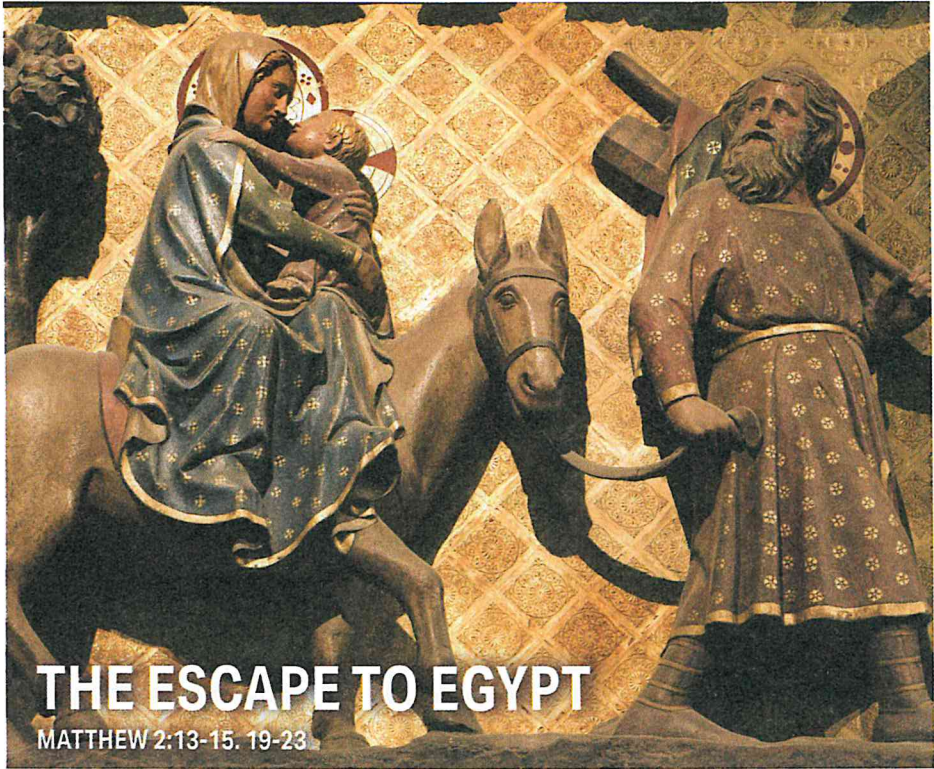
COMMUNION ANTIPHON
Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament,
most merciful Father,
to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family,
so that, after the trials of this world,
we may share their company for ever.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday Message

THE WORD

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THE ESCAPE TO EGYPT
MATTHEW 2:13-15. 19-23

In today's Gospel, we witness the Holy Family's urgent flight into Egypt, escaping King Herod's deadly plan. Joseph's obedience to the angel's warning saves Jesus' life, highlighting God's protective care even amid danger.

This passage reminds us that faith often calls us to trust and act quickly, even when the future is uncertain. Joseph doesn't hesitate; he rises in the night to protect his family. Like him, we are invited to respond promptly to God's call, especially when it challenges our comfort or safety.

Herod's cruelty contrasts sharply with the gentle care of Mary and Joseph. Their journey into exile mirrors the struggles many endure – displacement, fear, and uncertainty. Yet, God's providence is clear: Jesus, the promised Messiah, is preserved to bring salvation.

The return from Egypt also fulfils ancient prophecy, reminding us that God's plan is unfolding, even through hardship.

As we reflect on this passage, let us ask ourselves: Are we ready to trust God's guidance in difficult moments? Can we, like Joseph and Mary, find courage and hope in uncertain times?

May this story encourage us to place our trust in God's loving protection, knowing that no matter what dangers surround us, God's plan for our life will never fail. ■



LEARN

St. Joseph, called the guardian of Jesus and the Church, teaches us the power of quiet faith and obedience. His prompt trust in God's call saved the Holy Family. The Church invites all families to follow this example – embracing challenges with patience and faith, trusting God's loving plan.

REFLECT

Today, on the Feast of the Holy Family, we reflect on the journey of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus – a family like no other, yet one who faced real struggles, fears, and uncertainties. In the Gospel, Joseph receives an urgent call from God to flee into Egypt to protect the child Jesus. Without hesitation, he rises and acts to keep his family safe.

This reminds us that faith is not always easy or comfortable. Sometimes, like Joseph, we are asked to trust and move forward into the unknown, even when we feel afraid. But the Holy Family shows us that in those moments, God's love and protection are with us, guiding each step.

Their journey was difficult – leaving home, stepping into unfamiliar lands – but it was through their courage and trust that God's plan was fulfilled. As we celebrate this feast, we remember that every family, in its joys and challenges, can find strength in God's presence.

So today, let us hold up the Holy Family as a model. Whether our families are perfect or struggling, may we follow Joseph's example – responding with faith, love, and courage. And may God's gentle care be with all our families, guiding us through every challenge and blessing us with hope. ■

SAY

Loving God,
on this Feast of the Holy Family,
we thank you for the gift of family –
a place of love, strength, and faith.
Help us to follow Joseph's example
of trust and courage,
and Mary's example of gentle faith.
Be with all families, especially those
facing hardship or fear.
May your love guide us, protect us,
and unite us in peace.
Amen.

DO

Create a "Prayer Card" or "Prayer Tree" in the church where families can write down prayer intentions for their loved ones. Encourage parishioners to commit to praying for these families throughout the week, fostering a spirit of community care and support inspired by the Holy Family.