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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 Bassetlawn 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.

Masses for all three churches from Saturday 17th January to Sunday 25th January 2026

17 Saturday Vigil	6pm JW	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Andrew & Mark Babiartz
18 Sunday	9am SH	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
18 Sunday	11am SM	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	David Silver RIP
22 Thursday	10am SM	St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr	November Memorial List
24 Saturday Vigil	6pm JW	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Special Intention
25 Sunday	9am SH	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
25 Sunday	11am SM	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Miriam Scott Brandon

KEY: SH = St Helen's Church SM = St Mary's Church JW = St Joseph the Worker Church

Mass intention request slips are available in church with envelopes and from the parish website.

*Please use these slips and add **RIP** if the person is deceased or email with details. Many thanks.*

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions for this week

This week each seven-day Sanctuary Lamp candle will be lit continuously for the following intentions

Church	Intention	Sponsor
St Joseph the Worker	For the Lift Givers	Frank & Lynn Babiash
St Helen's	Shirley Whiteham	Sally & Philip Burton
St Mary's	Jack Rowbottom RIP	Frank & Lynn Babiash

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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 be held every Wednesday 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 - January – For Prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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 £683.34. The **Second Collection** this week is for the SPUC White Flower Appeal 2026. Many thanks for all your kindness and generosity.

NOTICES:

Funerals: Please note the following Funeral Masses –

Funeral Mass for **Elisabetta Gurak RIP** will be on **Monday 26th January at St Mary's Church at 10.00am** with burial at Hannah Park Cemetery.

Funeral Mass for **Eileen Carolan RIP** will be on **Tuesday 27th January at St Helen's Church at 11.00am** with internment in Harworth Cemetery.

May they rest in peace. Please also pray for all who have died recently, for people grieving and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

White Flower Appeal 2026 – The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal on the weekend of 17/18 January 2026. SPUC exists to transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes unthinkable and is actively leading the fight in courts, classrooms and culture to achieve this mission. Through these efforts we will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. This year's appeal postcards allow supporters to join the fightback campaign against the current threats in Parliament to expand abortion and allow assisted suicide. Your support means everything to SPUC. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC at this critical time for our country.

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

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!*

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 49:3. 5-6

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

And now the LORD says,

he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him –
for I am honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength –
he says:

'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 40(39):2. 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. R. 8a. 9a

R: Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the LORD,
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **R.**
2. You delight not in sacrifice and offering,
but in an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and sin offering.
Then I said, 'Behold, I have come.' **R.**
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written of me:
'I delight to do your will, O my God;
your instruction lies deep within me.' **R.**
4. Your uprightness I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

The beginning of the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and
our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in
Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in
every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their
Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL John 1:14a. 12a

R: Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us;
to all who did receive him,
he gave the authority to become children of God.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said,
'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!
This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks
before me, because he was before me." I myself did not know
him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might
be revealed to Israel.' And John bore witness: 'I saw the Spirit
descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself
did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said
to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this
is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I have seen and have
borne witness that this is the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that we may participate worthily in these mysteries,
for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated
the work of our redemption is accomplished.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.*

Or

*We have come to know and to believe
in the love that God has for us.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

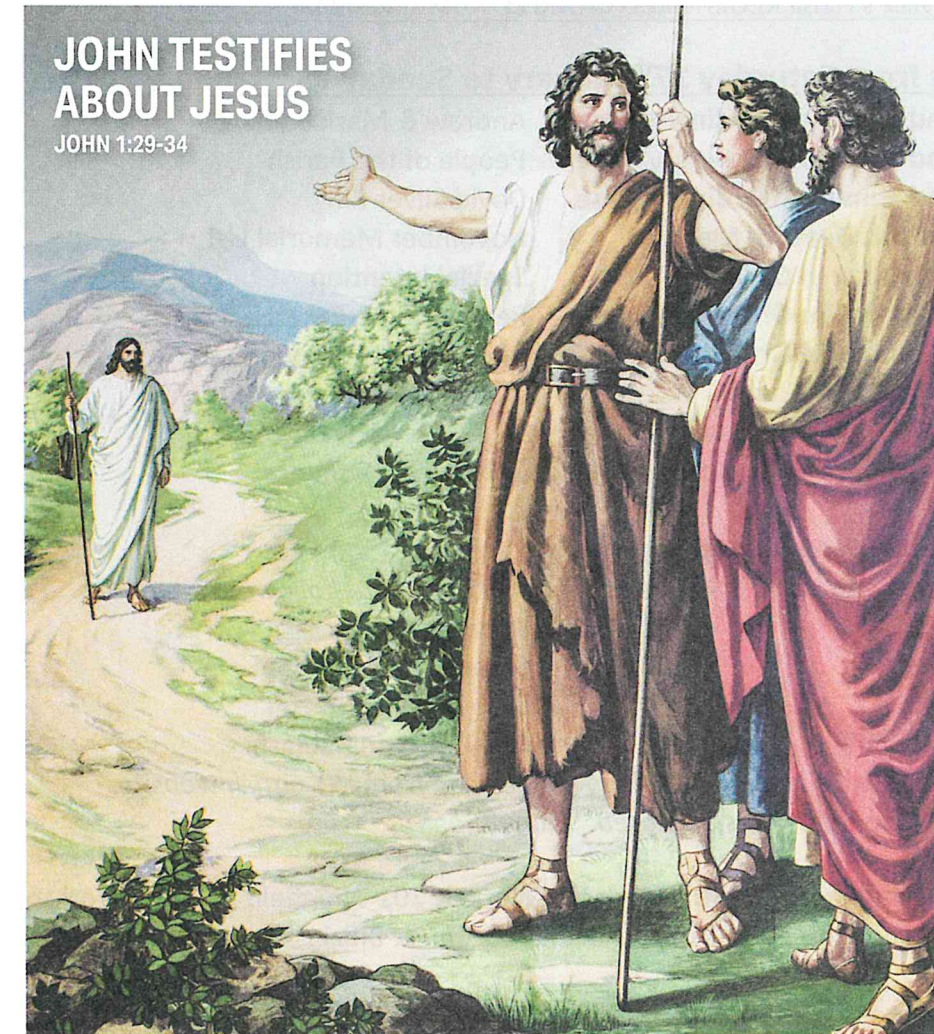
Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,
and in your kindness
make those you have nourished
by this one heavenly Bread
one in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday Message

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

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In this passage, John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and calls Him "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

This is a powerful title. A lamb was often used in Jewish tradition as a sacrifice to God, symbolising the removal of sin. John is telling us that Jesus is the perfect sacrifice who will take away our sins once and for all.

John also says he saw the Spirit come down from heaven like a dove and stay on Jesus. This was a sign from God showing that Jesus is the Chosen One – the Son of God. John admits he didn't fully know who Jesus was at first, but this experience made it clear.

The Spirit's presence shows that Jesus has a special mission: to bring new life and forgiveness. John's testimony helps us see that Jesus is more than just a teacher or prophet – He is God's Son sent to save us.

This passage invites us to trust in Jesus as the One who takes away our sins and to follow Him with faith, knowing that God's Spirit is with Him and with us. ■

DO

Take a moment today to bring your worries or mistakes to Jesus in prayer, asking Him to take them away and to fill you with His peace and forgiveness.

LEARN

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away our sins – a gentle, loving Saviour who offers us forgiveness and calls us to trust Him completely.

REFLECT

When John the Baptist sees Jesus, he points Him out as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world". Think about that: Jesus is the Lamb – gentle, humble, but powerful enough to carry away the weight of all our mistakes, all our failures.

John's words invite us to pause and reflect. Do we really believe that Jesus can take away our sins? Do we allow Him to carry those burdens, or do we try to carry them alone? Sometimes, we hold on to guilt or shame, forgetting that Jesus offers true freedom.

John also tells us about the Spirit descending like a dove – a quiet, gentle sign that Jesus is God's Chosen One. Sometimes God's presence in our lives is not loud or dramatic, but quiet and steady, like a dove resting on us.

This passage calls us to trust – to trust Jesus with our struggles, our fears, our guilt. It reminds us that forgiveness is not just a word, but a gift freely given by God's Lamb.

Today, let's open our hearts to Jesus in a new way. Let Him be the Lamb who lifts your burdens and leads you into freedom. And let the Spirit rest gently on you, guiding you to live in peace and love. ■

SAY

St John the Baptist, faithful witness to the Lamb of God, pray for us that we may recognise Jesus in our lives, trust His mercy, and follow Him with courage and love. Amen.

