

## ENTRANCE ANTIphon

*O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.*

## COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,  
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,  
that in the name of your beloved Son  
we may abound in good works.  
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 9:1b-4

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shone.

You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

For the yoke of his burden,  
and the staff for his shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 27(26):1. 4. 13-14. R. 1a

*R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
whom should I dread? *R.*

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord,  
to enquire at his temple. *R.*

3. I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Wait for the Lord; be strong;  
be stout-hearted, and wait for the Lord! *R.*

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-13. 17

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each one of you says, 'I follow Paul', or 'I follow Apollos', or 'I follow Cephas', or 'I follow Christ.' Is Christ divided?

Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

The word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

## ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

cf. Matthew 4:23

*R: Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom  
and healed every affliction among the people.

*R: Alleluia.*

## GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*(for shorter form read between > <)*

> When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

'The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,  
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles –  
the people dwelling in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,  
on them a light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' <

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

> The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. <*

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray,  
and in sanctifying them  
grant that they may profit us for salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

## COMMUNION ANTIphon

*Look toward the Lord and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.*

Or

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, receiving the grace  
by which you bring us to new life,  
we may always glory in your gift.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

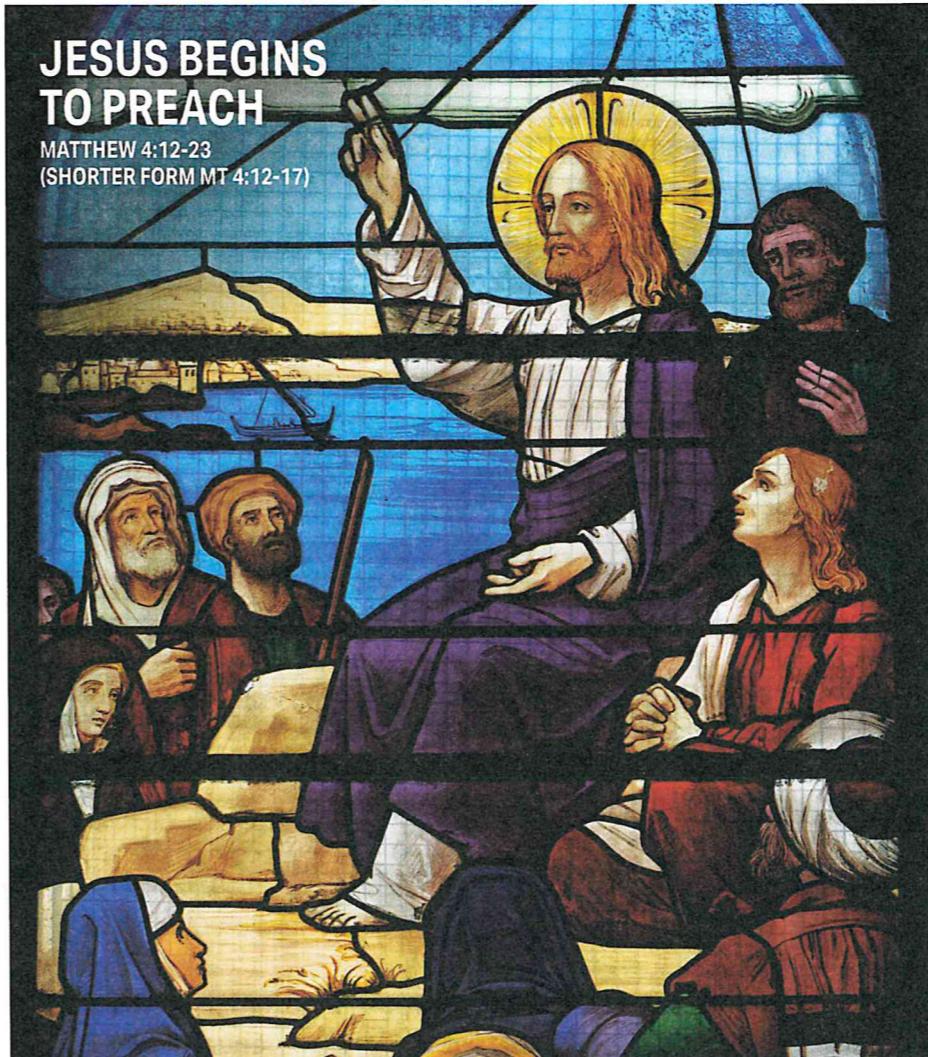
Sunday  Message

## THE WORD

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## JESUS BEGINS TO PREACH

MATTHEW 4:12-23  
(SHORTER FORM MT 4:12-17)



This passage marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. After John the Baptist is arrested, Jesus leaves Nazareth and settles in Capernaum, a town by the Sea of Galilee. Matthew tells us this fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah: "The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light." Jesus brings light – hope, truth, and healing – to those who feel lost or forgotten.

From the very start, Jesus preaches a simple message: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Repentance doesn't just mean feeling sorry. It means turning around, reorienting your life, and making space for God's presence.

Then Jesus calls His first disciples – fishermen at work: Peter and Andrew, James and John. He invites them with just a few words: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." Amazingly, they leave their nets, their boats, even their families, and follow Him. They don't yet know the full journey ahead, but they trust the One who calls.

This Gospel shows us that Jesus meets us in ordinary places – by the sea, at work, in everyday life – and invites us to follow Him. His light still shines in our darkness today, and His call still echoes: "Follow me." ■

## DO

Read the Gospel passage slowly and prayerfully, then sit in silence for two minutes, simply saying in your heart: "Here I am, Lord – I want to follow You."

## LEARN

Jesus calls us to follow Him with open hearts, to leave behind what holds us back, and to trust that His light will guide us into something greater.

## REFLECT

Jesus begins His ministry with a message that's both simple and challenging: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." That word – repent – can sound harsh, but it really means turn around, change direction, come home to God. Jesus doesn't begin with condemnation – He begins with an invitation.

Matthew tells us that Jesus brings light to those who sit in darkness. And we know that darkness – the darkness of fear, grief, failure, or loneliness. But Jesus enters into that shadow and brings hope. He comes to shine a light, not just for the world, but for each of us personally.

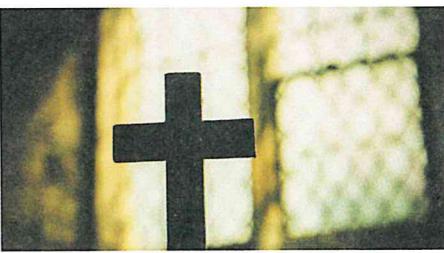
Then He calls His first disciples. They are fishermen – ordinary, hard-working people. Jesus doesn't ask for qualifications or perfection. He simply says, "Follow me." And they do. Not because they understand everything, but because something in His voice tells them this is the way.

Jesus is still calling today – not just the holy or the wise, but you and me. He meets us in our everyday lives, and says: Come with me. I'll lead you into something deeper, something brighter.

So if you feel stuck, tired, or uncertain – listen. His voice is near. The kingdom of heaven is close. And He is calling your name. ■

## SAY

O good Cross, made beautiful by Christ's body,  
you have been waiting for me.  
Jesus, I followed you from the shore  
when you called.  
Help me now to follow you always –  
with courage, with love, and with joy,  
wherever you may lead.  
Amen.



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**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.**

### Masses for all three churches from Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January to Sunday 01<sup>st</sup> February 2026

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
29 Thursday	10am SM	Ordinary Week Day Mass	Anne Mappin RIP
31 Saturday Vigil	6pm JW	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wanda Glen
01 Sunday	9am SH	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
01 Sunday	11am SM	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Martha Beardmore RIP

**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	Sister Elizabeth	Frank & Lynn Babiash
St Helen's	For my sister Mary's good health	Pat & Francis Buckley
St Mary's	November Memorial List	Parish of St Judes

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

**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](http://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 Kizhakkarakkattu: The Presbytery of St. Joseph the Worker, 101 Wingfield Avenue, Worksop, S81 0SF.  
 Email address: [Jomkm@csmegb.net](mailto:Jomkm@csmegb.net) or mobile 07888 170451. National website: [www.eparchyofgreatbritain.org/](http://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](mailto: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 £617.67. The **Second Collection** last week for the SPUC White Flower Appeal 2026 raised £560.75. 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> January at St Helen's Church at 11.00am** with interment 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.

**Please note** – Mass on Thursdays for the next two Thursdays will be in alternate churches in Worksop, so 29<sup>th</sup> January will be at St Mary's at 10am and 5<sup>th</sup> February will be at St Joseph's at 10am.

Mass will be held on **Monday 02.02.2026 at St Helen's at 10am** for **Presentation of the Lord**.

We would like to wish **Sr Elizabeth** a very happy birthday for 25<sup>th</sup> January and wish her health and blessings for the coming year.

**Mary's Meals** – Thank you to those who continue to support Mary's Meals with foreign and old currency donations. All the boxes will be emptied soon and removed for the time being. We will have a break from collecting but will recommence later in the year so hold on to those unwanted coins and notes.

Anyone wishing to make a donation please visit the website at [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk) or pop your donation in an envelope marked 'Mary's Meals' and put it in the collection plate during mass. Thank you

### **Dates for Diary –**

The annual **World Day of Prayer** will take place at St. Joseph's Church on Friday 6th March. The service this year is written by the women of Nigeria. Further details nearer the time.

**The Hallam Lourdes Pilgrimage for 2026** will take place from **Friday 26th June to Thursday 2nd July**.

The cost is £1010 flying from Leeds (includes flight, hotel, catering and insurance). The booking forms aren't ready yet, but people can pre-register their interest at [www.tangney-tours.com/hallam](http://www.tangney-tours.com/hallam)

**Confirmation mass** will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 6.30pm.