

St. Jude's Parish, Worksop-Oldcotes, in the Diocese of Hallam  
*Incorporating the Churches of St. Helen's, St. Mary's, and St. Joseph the Worker*  
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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 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 7<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

07 Saturday Vigil	<b>6pm JW</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	A & I Edwards
08 Sunday	<b>9am SH</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	People of the Parish
08 Sunday	<b>11am SM</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Oksana Skolina RIP
11 Wednesday	<b>10am SM</b>	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b>	Susan & Christine Birkett
11 Wednesday	<b>1pm SM</b>	<b>Funeral Service</b>	Thomas Robert Sanderson RIP
12 Thursday	<b>10am JW</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	John Haynes RIP
13 Friday	<b>10am SH</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	November Memorial List
14 Saturday Vigil	<b>6pm JW</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Nora Hayes & family
15 Sunday	<b>9am SH</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Helen Gallagher
15 Sunday	<b>11am SM</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	People of the Parish
<b>KEY: SH = St Helen's Church SM = St Mary's Church JW = St Joseph the Worker Church</b>			

*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	November Memorial List	People of the Parish
St Helen's	Private Intentions	Anne Barnett
St Mary's	November Memorial List	People of the Parish

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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](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 Kizhakkarakattu: 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 – February – For children with incurable diseases**

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope

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**OFFERING** – The offerings last week for the Parish were £620.76. This week's **Second Collection** is for Sick and Retired Clergy fund. Many thanks for all your kindness and generosity.

### **NOTICES:**

The funeral of **Thomas Robert Sanderson RIP** will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at St Mary's Church at 1pm with burial at Hannah Park Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Please also pray for all who have died recently, for people grieving and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

We would like to thank **Fr Daren Brown** for all his help within the Parish celebrating masses and performing other sacraments as needed whilst Fr Desmond has been away. We are very grateful. We would also like to welcome **Fr Desmond** back and hope he had a blessed and refreshing break.

**Message from Diocese re Diaconal Documents** - We pray for the Permanent Deacons serving in our diocese and for new vocations to this ministry. If you are a baptised and confirmed man, between 30 and 55 years, prayerful, and with the desire to serve God's people, and you are visible and involved within your parish and community, you might be being called to be a Permanent Deacon? Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance, and if you require more information about the Permanent Diaconate, speak to your Parish Priest, or the Parish Deacon, and then contact the Diaconate Formation Director, Deacon Tony via e-mail: [astrike@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:astrike@hallam-diocese.com)

The latest edition of **Hallam Bridge** is now available. A copy is available on the parish website [www.stjudeshallam.co.uk](http://www.stjudeshallam.co.uk) or if you would like a hard copy, please let the parish office know.

**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

**LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION** - Everything is connected – how do we care for our common home? At St Vincent's Church, 40 Pickmere Road, Crookes, Sheffield, S10 1GY on **Saturday 21 March, 11:00am-3:00pm**. Tea/ coffee from 10:30am. Speakers: Bishop John Arnold, Bishop of Salford, spokesperson for the Bishops Conference on the Environment, and President of Pax Christi. Dr. Maria Exall, Honorary Fellow at the Centre for Catholic Social Thought and Practice in the Department of Theology and Religion at Durham University. The event is free. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided. Please book your place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hallam-formation-and-mission-46212155433>

### **Dates for Diary –**

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

**Upcoming masses at St Patrick's School - 17<sup>th</sup> March - St Patrick's Day Mass** and celebration at 1:30pm. **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2pm** - community Lent prayer group, all are welcome.

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



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.*

## COLLECT

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care,  
that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace,  
they may be defended always by your protection.  
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 58:6-10

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of wickedness,

to undo the straps of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover him,

and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up speedily;

your righteousness shall go before you;

the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;

you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'

If you take away the yoke from your midst,

the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,

if you pour yourself out for the hungry

and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,

then shall your light rise in the darkness

and your gloom be as the noonday.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 112(111):4-5. 6-7. 8a. 9. R. 4a

*R: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

Or *Alleluia.*

1. A light rises in the darkness for the upright;  
he is generous, merciful, and righteous.  
It goes well for the man who deals generously and lends,  
who conducts his affairs with justice. *R.*
2. He will never be moved;  
for ever shall the upright be remembered.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart, he trusts in the Lord. *R.*
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear.  
Open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His might shall be exalted in glory. *R.*

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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

I, when I came to you, brothers and sisters, did not come  
proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or  
wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus  
Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in  
fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were  
not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit  
and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men  
but in the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL John 8:12

*R: Alleluia, Alleluia.*

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

*R: Alleluia.*

## GOSPEL Matthew 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are the salt of  
the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be  
restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out  
and trampled under people's feet.

'You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.  
Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a  
stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let  
your light shine before others, so that they may see your good  
works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord our God,  
who once established these created things  
to sustain us in our frailty,  
grant, we pray,  
that they may become for us now  
the Sacrament of eternal life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.*

Or

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for  
righteousness,  
for they shall have their fill.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who have willed that we be partakers  
in the one Bread and the one Chalice,  
grant us, we pray, so to live  
that, made one in Christ,  
we may joyfully bear fruit  
for the salvation of the world.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

# Sunday Message

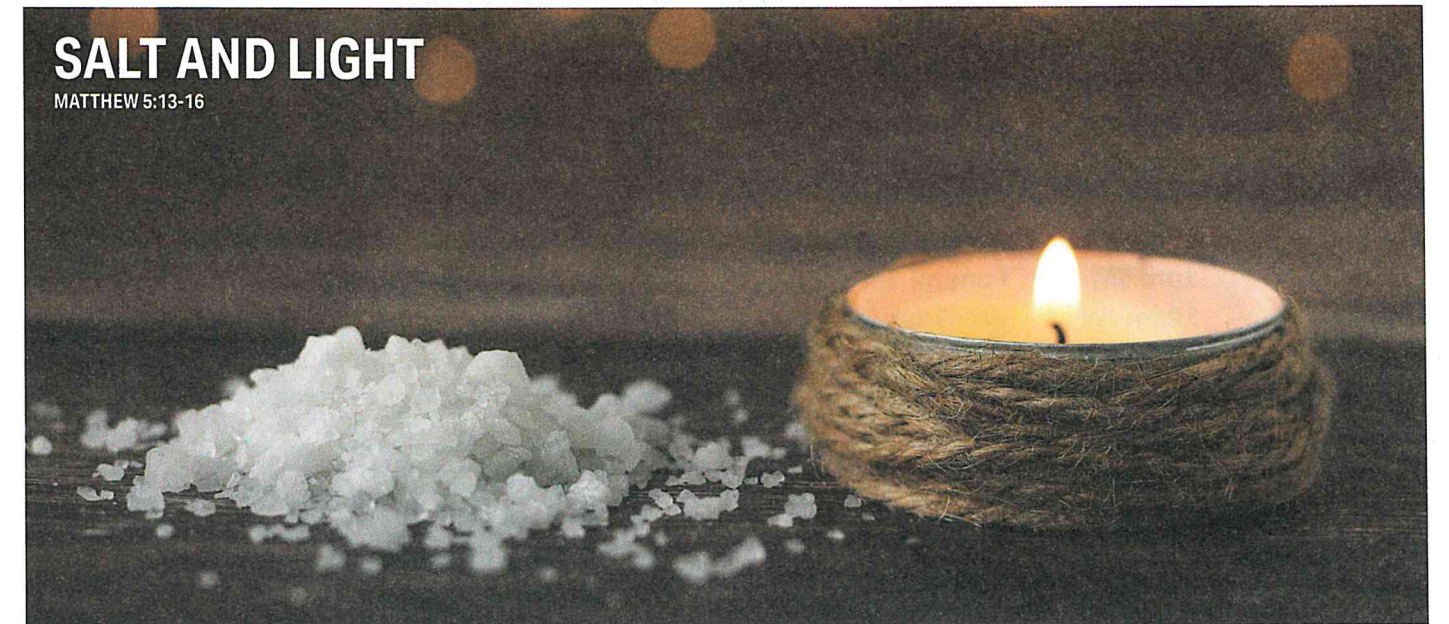
5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## THE WORD

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## SALT AND LIGHT

MATTHEW 5:13-16



In this passage, Jesus tells His followers that they are the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." Salt was valuable in Jesus' time – not just for flavour, but for preserving food. When He calls us salt, He means we are meant to bring goodness, preserve what is right, and add something special to the world.

Then Jesus calls us light. Light drives away darkness and helps people see clearly. We are to shine God's love and truth into the world through our words and actions.

But Jesus also warns that if salt loses its taste, or if a light is hidden, it's no longer helpful. This reminds us to keep our faith alive and active – not hiding it or letting it grow dull.

Finally, Jesus encourages us to let our good deeds shine so others can see them and praise God. Our faith isn't just for ourselves; it's a gift meant to bless others and bring glory to God.

This passage invites us to ask: How am I being salt and light in my daily life? Am I sharing God's love and truth with those around me? ■

## DO

Today, look for one small way to brighten someone's day – with a kind word, a smile, or a helpful action – and remember that even little acts of love can shine God's light.



## REFLECT

Have you ever tasted food that's completely bland? No salt, no flavour? Imagine if that's how we showed up in the world – dull, unnoticed, and without impact. Jesus tells us we are the *salt of the earth* – not just to exist, but to bring life and flavour to everything we touch.

And what about light? When was the last time you used a torch to find your way in the dark? Light is not just helpful – it's life-saving. Jesus says we are the light of the world, called to shine bright in places where people feel lost or afraid.

But here's the challenge: salt that loses its saltiness and light hidden under a bowl do no good. Are we sometimes hiding our faith? Are we holding back the love and kindness God wants us to share?

Today, think about one way you can add a little "salt" or "light" to your world. Maybe it's a kind word, a listening ear, or a simple act of generosity. Whatever it is, trust that even small things can make a big difference. ■

## SAY

Lord Jesus,  
you call us to be salt and light in  
the world.  
Help us to bring your love and  
goodness to those around us.  
Keep our faith strong and our  
hearts shining bright,  
so others may see you through us.  
*Amen.*

## LEARN

We are called to be like salt and light – to bring goodness and hope into the world, not just for ourselves but to help others see God's love.