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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.

Masses for all three churches from Saturday 14th February to Sunday 22nd February 2026

14 Saturday Vigil	6pm JW	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Nora Hayes & family
15 Sunday	9am SH	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Helen Gallagher
15 Sunday	11am SM	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
18 Wednesday	10am SM	Ash Wednesday	Aina Selano RIP
18 Wednesday	6pm JW	Ash Wednesday	November Memorial List
19 Thursday	9.30am JW	Stations of the Cross	
19 Thursday	10am JW	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	November Memorial List
20 Friday	10am SH	Friday after Ash Wednesday	November Memorial List
21 Saturday Vigil	6pm JW	First Sunday of Lent	Wilson Anthony Allison RIP
22 Sunday	9am SH	First Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish
22 Sunday	11am SM	First Sunday of Lent	Monina & Ruth Saavedra 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>			

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	Pat & Francis Buckley	Sally & Philip Burton
St Mary's	November Memorial List	People of the Parish

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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 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 – 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

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 £861.67. The next **Second Collection** is on 1st March for CAFOD Lenten Fast Day. Many thanks for all your kindness and generosity.

Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. As we embark on a spiritual journey of Lent, the Church reminds us about the three acts of piety: **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.**

There will be **Stations of the Cross** each week during Lent at St Joseph the Worker beginning at 9:30am and concludes with Mass.

Would all **readers** please collect their copy of the new readers' rota from Sarah either before or after Sunday Mass as soon as possible. Thank you.

The Parish would like to wish Pat Buckley a very happy 80th birthday on 12th February. We hope she had a good day of celebration and would like to thank her for all her voluntary work in the Parish.

Many thanks for all your applications for **Holy Communion** this year. There will be a meeting for all the Holy Communion parents at Holy Family Catholic Primary School on **Wednesday 18th Feb at 6pm**. The meeting will last about 30 minutes, and the children will be starting their classes on **Tuesday 24th February**.

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection – This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope (at mass next weekend) to bless others with your support, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

Advance Notice – First Holy Communion will be at St Joseph the Worker on Saturday 9th May 2026 at 11:30am and First Confession for the children will be on Saturday 18th April 2026 – time to be confirmed.

World Day of Prayer is an annual service, and this year is prepared by the women of Nigeria and has as its theme "I will give you rest, come". It is like a great wave of prayer that encircles the globe, beginning in Samoa and ending 146 countries later in American Samoa. Everyone praying with and for the country and people of Nigeria. Nigerian sisters call us to come closer to God and find rest in him. **Our service will take place at St Joseph the Worker Church on Friday 6th March starting at 2 pm.** Booklets will be available for you to join in and there will be refreshments in the hall afterwards. Please come along to show your support.

Mary's Meals: We will have a break from collecting foreign/unwanted currency for the next few months. Please save any donations and the boxes will reappear late summer/early autumn. Continued thanks for your support.

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. 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 –
Upcoming masses at St Patrick's School - 17th March - St Patrick's Day Mass and celebration at 1:30pm. **Friday 20th March 2pm** - community Lent prayer group, all are welcome.
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
Confirmation mass will be on Wednesday 8th July 2026 at 6.30pm.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
*Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.*

COLLECT
O God, who teach us that you abide
in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.
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 Sirach 15:15-20
A reading from the Book of Sirach.
If you desire, you will keep the commandments,
and to act faithfully is a matter of choice.
He has placed before you fire and water:
stretch out your hand for whichever you wish.
Life and death are in front of people,
and whichever one chooses will be given to him.
For great is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is mighty in power and sees everything;
his eyes are on those who fear him,
and he knows a person's every deed.
He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly,
and he has not given anyone permission to sin.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 119(118):1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34.
R. 1b
R: Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

- Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!
Blessed are those who keep his decrees!
With all their hearts they seek him. **R.**
- You have laid down your precepts
to be carefully kept.
May my ways be firm
in keeping your statutes. **R.**
- Deal bountifully with your servant,
that I may live and keep your word.
Open my eyes, that I may see
the wonders of your law. **R.**
- LORD, teach me the way of your statutes,
and I will keep them to the end.
Grant me insight that I may keep your law,
and observe it wholeheartedly. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.
Brothers and sisters: Among the mature we do impart wisdom,
although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who
are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom
of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the
rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have
crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen,
nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared
for those who love him" – these things God has revealed to us through
the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL cf. Matthew 11:25
R: Alleluia, Alleluia.
I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.
R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 5:17-37
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
(for shorter form read between > <)
> At that time: Jesus said to his disciples,< 'Do not think that I have
come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish
them but to fulfil them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth
pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is
accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these
commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called
least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches
them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For > I tell you,
unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees,
you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.
'You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not
murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgement." But I say
to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to
judgement;< whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council;
and whoever says, "You fool!" will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you
are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother
has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and
go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your
gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with
him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the
judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you
will never get out until you have paid the last penny.
> 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery."
But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent
has already committed adultery with her in his heart.< If your right
eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that
you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown
into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw
it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that
your whole body go into hell.

'It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a
certificate of divorce." But I say to you that everyone who divorces his
wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit
adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.
> 'Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not
swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn." But
I say to you: Do not take an oath at all,< either by heaven, for it is the
throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem,
for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your
head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. > Let what you
say be simply "Yes" or "No"; anything more than this comes from evil.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. <

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
May this oblation, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse and renew us
and may it become for those who do your will
the source of eternal reward.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
*They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.*
Or
*God so loved the world
that he gave his Only Begotten Son,
so that all who believe in him may not perish,
but may have eternal life.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Having fed upon these heavenly delights,
we pray, O Lord,
that we may always long
for that food by which we truly live.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE FULFILMENT OF THE LAW

MATTHEW 5:17-37 (SHORTER FORM MT 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37)



Jesus begins by making a clear and powerful statement: He has not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets but to fulfil them. This means He respects God's commandments and intends to complete and deepen their true meaning.

He then addresses several key commandments – such as "You shall not murder," "You shall not commit adultery," and "You shall not swear falsely." But Jesus challenges us to look beyond simply following rules. He shows that true obedience involves the heart. It's not just about avoiding murder but also about not holding anger or insulting others. It's not just about faithfulness in marriage but also about guarding our thoughts from lust.

Jesus invites us to live by a higher standard – one that transforms our hearts and relationships. It's a call to move from external actions to inner change, seeking love, honesty, and peace.

This teaching asks us to examine our own feelings, words, and attitudes, allowing God to shape us from within, so our lives reflect His love in every part. ■

REFLECT

Jesus teaches us that following God isn't just about obeying rules on the outside – it's about what's happening inside our hearts. He says He came not to cancel the Law but to fulfil it, to bring its deeper meaning to light.

Think about anger, for example. It's easy to say, "I haven't hurt anyone," but Jesus asks us to look closer. Are we holding anger or bitterness inside? Are we quick to insult or judge? True peace begins when we let go of these feelings and seek forgiveness.

Jesus also talks about faithfulness, not just in actions but in our thoughts. It's a reminder that what we allow in our minds shapes who we are. He challenges us to live honestly, speaking truthfully and keeping our promises.

His words call us to a higher way – one that doesn't just avoid harm but actively builds love and peace. It's about changing from the inside out, so our lives show God's kindness in everything we do.

Today, ask yourself: What is God inviting me to change in my heart? Where can I grow in love and truth? Jesus offers His help – His grace is always ready to transform us. ■

SAY

Prayer of St Augustine:
"Lord, make me pure in heart, that I may see you clearly.
Cleanse my thoughts and words,
help me to live in truth and love.
Give me the strength to forgive
and the courage to speak honestly.
Transform my heart so I may
follow you fully."

DO

Take time today to forgive someone who has upset you – even if it's just in your heart. Let go of anger and choose peace, following Jesus' call to reconciliation and love.

LEARN

True obedience to God isn't just about following rules – it's about letting God change our hearts, so we live with love, honesty, and peace in every part of our lives.

