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 Incorporating the Churches of St. Helen's, St. Mary's, and St. Joseph the Worker
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Masses for all three churches from Saturday 21st February to Sunday 1st March 2026

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
25 Wednesday	10am SM	1 st week of Lent weekday	November Memorial List
26 Thursday	9.30am JW	Stations of the Cross	
26 Thursday	10am JW	1 st week of Lent weekday	Jean & Bill Beddows RIP
27 Friday	10am SH	Commemoration of St Gregory of Narek	November Memorial List
28 Saturday Vigil	6pm JW	Second Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish
01 Sunday	9am SH	Second Sunday of Lent	Arthur Cleary RIP
01 Sunday	11am SM	Second Sunday of Lent	Pat Hughes Birthday

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	Graham Rowbottom RIP	Frank and Lynn Babiash
St Helen's	Pat & Francis Buckley	Sally & Philip Burton
St Mary's	November Memorial List	St Jude's 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 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.

Please pray for all the elderly, sick and 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 Burtohn, 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 and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

OFFERING – The offerings last week for the Parish were £771.79. The next **Second Collection** is on 1st March for CAFOD Lenten Fast Day. Many thanks for all your kindness and generosity.

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.

Please note – the Parish Office will be closed from Friday 27th February and will reopen on Tuesday 24th March. If you have anything urgent you would like to email or phone about please contact Fr Desmond on the email and telephone number at the top of this newsletter, otherwise please email or telephone the office and leave a message and the Parish Secretary will respond on her return.

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.

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 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.

Hallam Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026 - Bookings are now being taken for the Hallam Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 26th June to 2nd July. The cost is £1010, to include flights from Leeds Bradford to Lourdes, 6 nights' accommodation, full board and insurance. There will be a full religious programme led by Bishop Ralph. The theme this year is 'Hail, full of grace'. For bookings see www.tangney-tours.com/hallam or call 01732 886666. Paper booking forms will be available in parishes within the next two weeks. For further information call 01302 247910 or 07724 650066 or email lourdesoffice@hallam-diocese.com.

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>

The SVP conference of Blessed John Anne is hosting an evening of **Irish Music on Sunday 15th March** at The Burghwallis Scorcher Hills Lane, Burghwallis, DN6 9JT from 7pm, Everyone is welcome, this is a ticketed event, £10 each which includes buffet and raffle. All proceeds to the SVP. Tickets can be reserved by texting John on 07586308903. See poster for full details of the Irish Night

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.

First Confession 18th April 2026 -- time to be confirmed

First Holy Communion 1st May at 11:30am at St Joseph the Worker

Confirmation mass will be on Wednesday 8th July 2026 at 6.30pm.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.*

COLLECT

Grant, almighty God,
through the yearly observances of holy Lent,
that we may grow in understanding
of the riches hidden in Christ
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects... *Amen.*

FIRST READING Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God actually say, "You shall not eat of any tree in the garden"?' And the woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 51(50):3-4. 5-6b. 12-13. 14. 17.

R. cf. 3a

R: *Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

1. Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your merciful love;
according to your great compassion,
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me completely from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**
2. My transgressions, truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**
3. Create a pure heart for me, O God;
renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence;
take not your holy spirit from me. **R.**
4. Restore in me the joy of your salvation;
sustain in me a willing spirit.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 5:12-19

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

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> Brothers and sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned – <
for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.

> For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man; much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. <

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Matthew 4:4b

R: *Glory and praise to you, O Christ.*

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

R: *Glory and praise to you, O Christ.*

GOSPEL Matthew 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time: Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."'

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray,
to make these offerings,
for with them we celebrate the beginning
of this venerable and sacred time... *Amen.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*

Or

*The Lord will conceal you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will trust.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

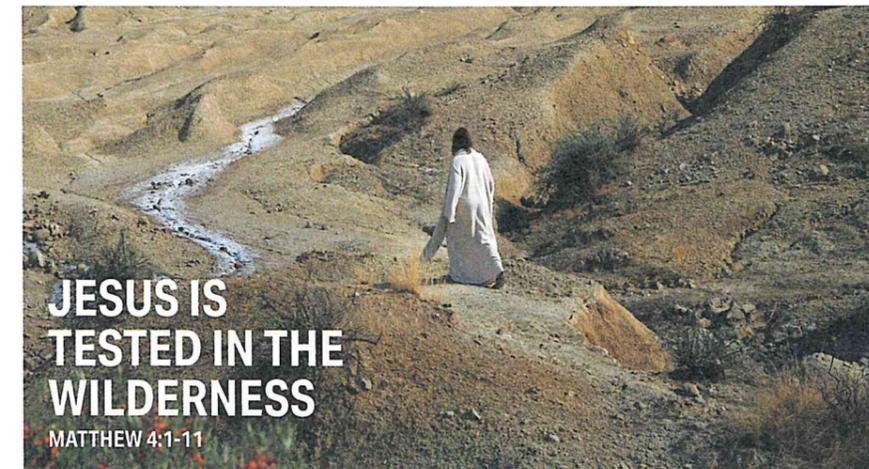
Renewed now with heavenly bread,
by which faith is nourished, hope increased,
and charity strengthened,
we pray, O Lord,
that we may learn to hunger for Christ,
the true and living Bread,
and strive to live by every word
which proceeds from your mouth... *Amen.*

Sunday Message

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

THE WORD

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After His baptism, Jesus is led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where He faces three serious temptations by the devil. This time alone tests His commitment and faithfulness to God.

Each temptation challenges Jesus to misuse His power or trust in things other than God. The devil first tempts Him to turn stones into bread, appealing to physical hunger. Jesus responds by quoting scripture, showing that true life depends on trusting God, not just satisfying our immediate needs.

Next, the devil offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if He will worship him. Jesus refuses, affirming that worship belongs to God alone.

Finally, the devil tempts Jesus to throw Himself down from the Temple, expecting God to save Him miraculously. Jesus again resists, relying on scripture and trusting God's plan without testing Him.

This story shows us Jesus' perfect obedience and trust in God, even in difficult times. It reminds us that temptation is real but can be overcome by faith, prayer, and God's Word.

We learn from Jesus that true strength comes from God, not from giving in to immediate desires or shortcuts. ■

REFLECT

Jesus' journey into the wilderness shows us a powerful example of faith and trust in God. After His baptism, He is led by the Spirit into a lonely place, where He faces temptations that challenge His mission and identity.

Each temptation Jesus faces is a choice: to rely on Himself or to trust God. The devil tries to tempt Him with bread to satisfy hunger, with power over the kingdoms of the world, and with testing God's protection. But Jesus refuses to take the easy way out. Instead, He stands firm by quoting scripture, showing us the strength that comes from knowing and trusting God's Word.

We all face temptations – moments when it's easier to give in to quick fixes, shortcuts, or selfish desires. Jesus' example teaches us that faith and obedience to God give us the strength to resist.

When life feels hard or uncertain, we can turn to God's Word and Spirit for guidance and strength, just as Jesus did. We don't have to face our struggles alone.

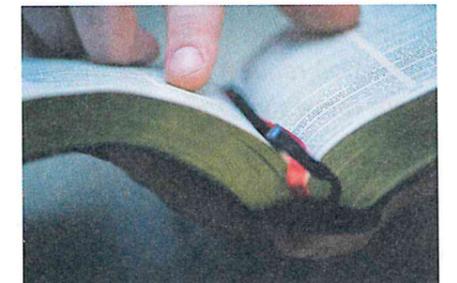
Today, ask yourself: How can I deepen my trust in God when I face challenges? Where can I turn to in God's Word for strength and guidance? ■

LEARN

"The Lord was tempted in all things as we are, but without sin. He shows us that by relying on the word of God, we can overcome the devil's lies and temptations. Our strength is not in ourselves, but in God's truth, which must guide our hearts and actions."
(St Augustine)

DO

Set aside a few minutes each day to read a short passage from scripture and quietly reflect on it. Let God's Word strengthen you to face daily challenges with faith and calm.



SAY

Lord God,
You showed us through your Son Jesus that temptation can be overcome by trusting in your Word.
Help me to follow His example – to rely not on my own strength, but on your truth and grace.
When I face struggles and challenges, remind me to turn to scripture and prayer for strength.
Fill my heart with faith, so I may walk always in your light.
Amen.

