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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 28th February to Sunday 8th March 2026

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
04 Wednesday	10am SM	2 nd week of Lent weekday	The Jones Family
05 Thursday	9.30am JW	Stations of the Cross	
05 Thursday	10am JW	2 nd week of Lent weekday	Pam Beard
06 Friday	10am SH	2 nd week of Lent weekday	Winnie Gallagher
07 Saturday Vigil	6pm JW	Third Sunday of Lent	Eugenia Cieslak 90 th Birthday
08 Sunday	9am SH	Third Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish
08 Sunday	11am SM	Third Sunday of Lent	Master Luca Salvador Athayde
08 Sunday	12.30pm SM	Baptism	

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 sick of the Parish	Frank and Lynn Babiash
St Helen's	Kathleen Brown	Rita Martin
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 replaced every Wednesday at 6.30pm at St Helen's Church with **Stations of the Cross** during Lent

Prayer Group meeting every Thursday following morning mass, in St. Joseph's Church Hall, Worksop. All welcome.

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions – March – For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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

Sarah Packer, 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 £877.69. The **Second Collection** today is 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.

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.

CAFOD – our Parish Co-ordinator, Jean-Luc, is taking part once again in the CAFOD Big Lent Walk challenge. It is 200k (125miles) to be achieved in the six weeks of Lent. Jean-Luc would be most grateful for your support and sponsorship. Thank you very much.

Our **Piety stalls** have Mothers' Day cards, St Patrick's cards and Easter cards on sale at each church.

"We Will Rock You" – Paul, our organist at St Helen's, will be directing the music at this live show at the Palace Theatre, Newark from 25th to 28th March. Well worth a visit!

After 35 years of dedicated service at **Holy Family Catholic Primary School**, Mrs **Kathleen Nunn (Kath)** is retiring. Kath has contributed in many roles: always with a smile and wholehearted commitment. She has been a steadfast supporter of our Parish and the school community, helping hundreds of children, some now staff members themselves. Kath's kindness and friendship have left a lasting impact. Kath will always be a cherished part of Holy Family school family, and they wish her and her family a happy, healthy and fulfilling retirement.

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". **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.

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

*Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.*

Or

*Remember your compassion, O Lord,
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.
Let not our enemies exult over us.
Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.*

COLLECT

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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 Genesis 12:1-4a

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

In those days: The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the LORD told him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 33(32):4-5. 18-19. 20, 22. R. 22

*R: May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord.*

- The word of the LORD is upright, and all his works to be trusted. The LORD loves justice and right, and his merciful love fills the earth. **R.**
- Yes, the LORD's eyes are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their soul from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**
- Our soul is waiting for the LORD. He is our help and our shield. May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD. **R.**

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy.

Beloved: We share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Matthew 17:5

R: Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.

R: Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

GOSPEL Matthew 17:9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sunday Message

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

THE WORD

Year A • 1 March 2026 • Psalter Week 2



Every year the story of the transfiguration is read on the Second Sunday of Lent. Jesus takes three of his friends up a mountain to pray with him.

While there, something extraordinary happens. It's as if Peter, James and John are caught up in a dream and, suddenly, they see Jesus in all his heavenly glory with Moses and Elijah, two of the great Old Testament figures. They see Jesus as he really is – transformed, radiant. Peter is so overcome by what he sees that he wishes it could last for ever. He suggests constructing three tents or temporary dwelling places – one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah. But soon the vision ends, and when the three look up, they see 'only Jesus'. The moment has passed but it is one they will never forget.

It is telling that the three disciples Jesus chooses to accompany him to the mountain top are Peter, James and John. Jesus had selected a group of 12 to be his inner circle, as it were. But among that group, it seems these three friends were especially close to him.

Peter, James and John are present with Jesus at some of the most crucial moments of his life. He selects these three to accompany him (along with her parents) when he restores the daughter of Jairus to life. They see with their own eyes that Jesus is the Lord of life, who has authority even over death. These are the three he asks to accompany him to the garden of Gethsemane in his hour of greatest need before his passion and death. And today's Gospel tells us that these are the three who witness his transfiguration, when he is revealed in all his glory.

Jesus wanted Peter, James and John to witness these pivotal moments in his life. They would be able to speak of these events after Jesus' resurrection and ascension. But Jesus probably also turned to them as good friends. He needed their companionship, their support, their presence. He had many followers and acquaintances but he felt the very human need for some closer, more intimate, friendships. Clearly, Peter, James and John had the qualities Jesus was looking for, and so they became his 'right-hand' men, those he regarded as his most trusted associates.

Jesus knew the importance of friendship. In his humanity, he knew that good friendships make life more enjoyable and that good friends help us through the difficult times that will inevitably come our way. ■

LEARN

The reason the transfiguration takes place at this time in Matthew's Gospel is to give the disciples a boost. Jesus knows there will be tough times ahead. He knows what will happen to him in Jerusalem and that life will be difficult for his followers. The transfiguration is a little glimpse of heaven. It shows them who Jesus really is, and gives them a foretaste of what awaits them if they remain faithful to their Master.

PRAY

Pray for your friends. Thank God for the gift of true friendship.

SAY

"Lord, help me to live in such a way as to enjoy your company in heaven for ever. Amen."

DO

On the mountaintop, the three disciples saw Jesus in his radiant glory. Try to see the God-given beauty in all you meet.

REFLECT

One of the most wonderful opportunities created by the internet is how it allows people to communicate instantly practically anywhere. It is possible to go online and chat with people thousands of miles away. It was a great help to people forced to practise social distancing during the Covid-19 pandemic.

But social media and the world wide web have significant downsides, as we now know only too well. We live in the era of fake news and of deepfake technology. You can create a deepfake video or image of a person in which their face or body has been digitally altered so that they appear to be someone else, typically used maliciously or to spread false information. Artificial Intelligence is making this technology ever more sophisticated and difficult to detect.

It means we can't always be sure whether a news item or story is true or false. And we won't always know for sure whether a stranger we are chatting to online is who they claim to be. Just as in everyday life we can wear a mask so that others won't know what we're really thinking, or to protect ourselves from being hurt, so also people can create false digital profiles or personas in order to make themselves more appealing or conceal their true intentions. For whatever reason, they do not want to reveal their real selves, their true face.

In the story of the transfiguration Jesus revealed his true face to his three closest friends. They saw him as he really is in his heavenly glory. The literal meaning of "transfiguration" is to show one's true face. And that's what happened on the mountain top – Peter, James and John saw Jesus' radiant, glorified face. They saw him as he really is – and it took their breath away. They wanted the moment to last for ever.

Today's Gospel challenges us to be honest in our relationship with God and others. God loves us as we are and knows us better than we know ourselves. We need not be afraid to show him our true face. Good friendships depend on the willingness to show our true face, be our true self. That's how we build friendships that last. ■