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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 21<sup>st</sup> March to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

21 Saturday Vigil	<b>6pm JW</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	People of the Parish
22 Sunday	<b>9am SH</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	For the repose of the soul of Fr Kirkham RIP
22 Sunday	<b>11am SM</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	For the healing & recovery of Manuela Chartron from cancer
25 Wednesday	<b>10am SM</b>	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>	November Memorial List
26 Thursday	<b>9.30am JW</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
26 Thursday	<b>10am JW</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> week of Lent weekday</b>	November Memorial List
27 Friday	<b>10am SH</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> week of Lent weekday</b>	November Memorial List
28 Saturday Vigil	<b>6pm JW</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	In thanksgiving (LAB)
29 Sunday	<b>9am SH</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	November Memorial List
29 Sunday	<b>11am SM</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	People of the Parish

**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	November Memorial List	St Jude's Parish
St Helen's	November Memorial List	St Jude's Parish
St Mary's	Julia Hughes Birthday	Julia Hughes

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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 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](mailto: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.

**OFFERING** – The offering totals will be published again when the Parish Office is open. Next week's **Second Collection** is for Easter Flowers. 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 27<sup>th</sup> February and will reopen on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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** – 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 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 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March. Well worth a visit!

**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](http://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](mailto:lourdesoffice@hallam-diocese.com).

**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 –**

**First Confession 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026** - time to be confirmed

**First Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> May at 11:30am** at St Joseph the Worker

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

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.*

## COLLECT

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,  
may we walk eagerly in that same charity  
with which, out of love for the world,  
your Son handed himself over to death... *Amen.*

## FIRST READING Ezekiel 37:12-14

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 130(129):1-2.3-4.5-6b.6c-8. R.7bc

*R: With the Lord there is mercy,  
in him is plentiful redemption.*

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive  
to the sound of my pleadings. *R.*
2. If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
that you may be revered. *R.*
3. I long for you, O LORD,  
my soul longs for his word.  
My soul awaits the Lord  
more than watchmen for daybreak. *R.*
4. More than watchmen for daybreak,  
let Israel hope for the LORD.  
For with the LORD there is mercy,  
in him is plentiful redemption.  
It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities. *R.*

## SECOND READING Romans 8:8-11

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

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL John 11:25a. 26

*R: Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.*

I am the Resurrection and the life, says the Lord.

Everyone who believes in me shall never die.

*R: Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.*

## GOSPEL John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

*(a longer version may be read: John 11:1-45)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

At that time:

The sisters of Lazarus sent to Jesus, saying, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it he said, 'This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.'

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.'

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.'

Jesus was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, by this time there will be a smell, for he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out.' The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Hear us, almighty God,  
and, having instilled in your servants  
the teachings of the Christian faith,  
graciously purify them  
by the working of this sacrifice...

*Amen.*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Everyone who lives and believes in me  
will not die for ever, says the Lord.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray, almighty God,  
that we may always be counted among the members of  
Christ,  
in whose Body and Blood we have communion...

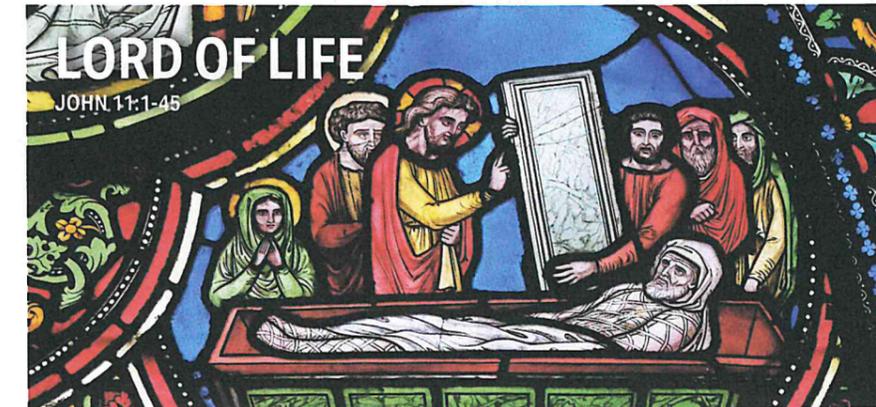
*Amen.*

# Sunday Message

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

## THE WORD

Year A • 22 March 2026 • Psalter Week 1



The story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead is the last great sign or miracle Jesus works in John's Gospel. It is a powerful demonstration that Jesus is the life of the world.

Lazarus, a friend of Jesus, is ill. His sisters ask Jesus to come to see him. But Jesus delays a while. By the time he finally arrives, Lazarus has already been in the tomb for four days. Upset and disappointed, Lazarus's sister, Martha, goes to meet him. In the conversation that follows, Jesus describes who he is and makes an astonishing promise: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

Later, gathered around the tomb with Martha, Mary, his disciples and some friends who had come to console the grieving sisters, Jesus works a sign to show his power and to demonstrate that he is indeed the "resurrection and the life". He asks that the stone sealing the tomb be removed. Then he prays, and bids Lazarus to come out. Still in his burial shroud, Lazarus emerges alive.

For John, the raising of Lazarus is a sign that Jesus has the power to give eternal life. It is also a promise that on the last day he will raise our mortal flesh.

Lazarus, the one whom Jesus loves, can be seen as representing all those whom Jesus loves. Just as Jesus gave life to Lazarus, he gives life to us, too. This is the Good News. It is the very foundation of our faith. ■

## REFLECT

Our faith is a precious gift. Sometimes we can forget just how extraordinarily precious this faith of ours is, how fragile. It's a gift we should treasure and never take for granted.

Faith changes everything. In early 2022 Richard Gaillardetz was discussing with his wife what to do when he retired in a few years from his position as professor of systematic theology at Boston University. He had been dean of theology there as well as a former president of the Theological Association of America. He had a special interest in Vatican II and had written and lectured widely on the Council and its documents.

Richard was looking forward to his retirement – and then all changed, changed utterly. On 22/2/22 – a date he said was very

easy to remember – he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and given a maximum of 18 months to live. On that day, all his plans – for retirement, the books he was going to write, the places he and his wife were going to visit – went out of the window. He had to manage instead for his treatment and his death. He had to put his affairs in order.

Richard began to write a blog about his illness, which was published as a book after his death. He died on 7 November 2023. In the book *While I breathe, I hope*, Richard writes beautifully about the consolation his faith gave him as he approached his end. He believed wholeheartedly in the Gospel, and that belief sustained him to the last.

Richard Gaillardetz knew that the gift of faith offers us two of the most wonderful consolations. First, the knowledge that

## SAY

Say with Martha: "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into this world."

## PRAY

Pray for your deceased loved ones and the deceased members of your local community. Give thanks for their lives. Ask the Lord of life to take them to himself.

## DO

There is an old saying: What a man's faith is, he is. In other words, a person's faith shapes the kind of person he or she is. Think about how you live your faith. Does your faith in God shape who you are? Can people see it?

## LEARN

Our God is the God of life – not of death.

The Christian believes in the resurrection of the dead. This is at the core of our faith.

The Christian opposes anything that is not life-giving.



God is with us in every minute of every day, and that with God by our side, there is no trial, hardship or setback we cannot face or overcome. God always holds us close. God's loving presence always sustains us.

The second consolation is the promise of eternal life. One of the most beautiful lines in all of scripture assures us: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has entered into the heart of people what God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Cor 2:9). We know that our death is not an exit to oblivion but the threshold to a new, transformed, glorified life with Christ in God for ever. When our time comes, however it comes, we know, as Richard Gaillardetz knew, that we need have no fear. ■