

**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, sick and housebound of our Parish, and those named below**  
 Gerard Devenney, 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.

**Masses for all three churches from Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

09 Saturday	<b>11.30am JW</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b>	
09 Saturday	<b>1pm SH</b>	<b>Wedding of Dominic Werth and Alexandra Miller</b>	
09 Saturday	<b>6pm JW</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	Kieran Fallon
10 Sunday	<b>9am SH</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	Bob Little RIP anniversary
10 Sunday	<b>11am SM</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	People of the Parish
13 Wednesday	<b>10am SM</b>	<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b>	November Memorial List
14 Thursday	<b>10am JW</b>	<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>	November Memorial List
15 Friday	<b>10am SH</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Friday of Easter</b>	November Memorial List
16 Saturday	<b>6pm JW</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	People of the Parish
17 Sunday	<b>9am SH</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	Deacon Peter Hunt
17 Sunday	<b>11am SM</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	Ian Israel

**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*

<b>Church</b>	<b>Intention</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
St Joseph the Worker	The First Holy Communicants	Anonymous
St Helen's	November Memorial List	St Jude's Parish
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](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** is 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 – May – That everyone might have food**

Let us pray that everyone from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Please email [stjudesworksopoldcotes@gmail.com](mailto:stjudesworksopoldcotes@gmail.com) to subscribe to the weekly bulletin. You may unsubscribe by request at any time.

**OFFERING** – The offering total for last week was **£819.25**. The next **Second Collection** will be next Sunday **17<sup>th</sup> May** for **World Communication Day**. Many thanks for all your kindness and generosity.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April** is a holy day of obligation for The Ascension of the Lord.

We offer our congratulations to our children who are making their **First Holy Communion** on 9<sup>th</sup> May. We pray that God will continue to sustain them in His Love.

We also offer our congratulations to **Dominic and Alexandra** on their wedding day on 9<sup>th</sup> May. We wish them every happiness and blessings.

On **Pentecost Sunday** there will be an **International Mass** at St Mary's Church at **11am**. If you wish to hoist your flag and/or sing in your native language, please let Fr Desmond know.

Please could anyone holding the **Red APF Missio boxes** please bring them to St Helen's for emptying. Please see Sally Burton if you have any questions.

Please would holders of the **Red Missio collecting boxes** please bring them to St Mary's and St Joseph's to be emptied. The donors may give the boxes directly to Heidi or leave them at the hymn book desk for Heidi to collect after the Saturday Vigil or Sunday 11am Masses. Thank you.

A big "thank-you" from Jean-Luc to the many parishioners who sponsored him so generously on the **Lenten Walk**. He has sent a cheque to CAFOD for £455. Thank you very much indeed.

**Marriage Support** – if you are just in a rut or for more serious issues – Retrouvaille could be the solution – [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) or +44 797 338 0443.

**Pray in May** – as we move into May, **Mary's Meals** invites us to join in prayer with parishes across the country to celebrate the wonderful work of the charity and give thanks that they are now reaching more than 3 million children with a nutritious meal in 16 countries every school day. Mary's Meals has been built on a foundation of prayer and the many little acts of love from those who support them. Please remember Mary's Meals in your prayers this month. Thank you.

On **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, Holy Family** will be continuing our work from last year by holding a **whole school pilgrimage event**. We are looking for local groups, volunteers or ideas to support the day. The children will be taking part in a range of activities throughout the day to help them develop spiritually including through nature and prayer as well as having lots of fun as a school community. If you, or someone you know, thinks that they could help, please get in contact with [hwood@hfcps.co.uk](mailto:hwood@hfcps.co.uk). Helen is our Catholic Life lead and is looking forward to hearing from you.

**Dates for Diary –**

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

**Silver Jubilee Mass** for Fr Desmond on **21<sup>st</sup> August 2026 at St Joseph the Worker at 6pm.**

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.*

## COLLECT

Grant, almighty God,  
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days  
of joy,  
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,  
and that what we relive in remembrance  
we may always hold to in what we do.  
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 Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.  
In those days: Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralysed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city.

Now when the Apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 66(65):1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a, 16, 20, R. 1

*R: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.*  
Or *Alleluia.*

1. Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God, 'How wondrous your deeds!' *R.*
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow down,  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!  
Come and see the works of God:  
his wondrous deeds among the children of Adam. *R.*
3. He turned the sea into dry land;  
they passed through the river on foot.  
Let our joy, then, be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might. *R.*
4. Come and hear, all who fear God;  
I will tell what he did for my soul.  
Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer,  
nor withhold from me his merciful love. *R.*

## SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.

Beloved: In your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

The word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

## ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL John 14:23

*R: Alleluia, alleluia.*

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,  
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

*R: Alleluia.*

## GOSPEL John 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

'I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,  
together with the sacrificial offerings,  
so that, purified by your graciousness,  
we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,  
and I will ask the Father and he will send you  
another Paraclete,  
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.*

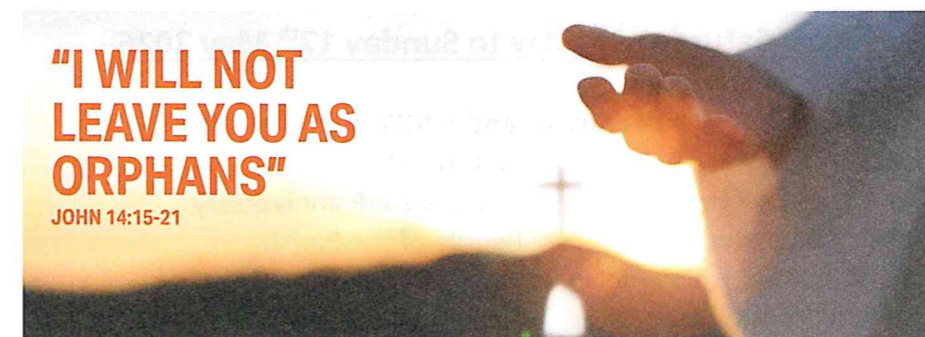
## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God,  
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,  
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament  
and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

# Sunday Message

## THE WORD



Today's Gospel is taken from Jesus' farewell to his disciples. As a farewell between friends who have spent years in each other's company, it has an especially intimate tone. It touches on four themes that were common in ancient farewell discourses.

The one who is departing usually asks those who will be left behind to guard their legacy. Jesus' legacy to his disciples is the teaching he has left them, his commandments, and so today's Gospel begins with a plea to keep the commandments.

The second theme is how those left behind will keep that legacy. We sometimes say that a group of people, such as the members of a religious order, have kept their founder's spirit alive. In the case of Jesus, this is even more true. The spirit he leaves them is not just good memories that will inspire them. The Spirit of Jesus will remain with them as a new form of presence. John calls this form of Jesus' presence the Paraclete. This is an unusual word we find only in the writings of John. It is not easy to find an exact English equivalent for it, so it is sometimes translated as 'advocate' or 'comforter'. The Greek word means literally someone you call to your aid. It could be used as a legal term for the lawyer of the accused ('advocate' in that sense) or for a friend who was prepared to give evidence on his behalf, a sort of character witness. It could also be used for someone who brought consolation or comfort to those who were downhearted. John probably intends all these meanings at once.

The Spirit that Jesus gives his followers will never desert them. We should keep in mind that the first readers of the Gospel lived in a hostile world where their faith might be put to the ultimate test by arrest, imprisonment and martyrdom. For many of them, the ordeal of appearing in a public court to give a defence of their faith must have been a nerve-wracking possibility. What were they going to say, especially if they were not used to speaking publicly? Jesus assures them they will not be left alone: the Spirit of Truth will be their constant companion. Like the word of Jesus, the Paraclete will abide with them.

The third theme is Jesus' assurance to his own that he will not leave them orphans. Even though the world believes he has died, his risen presence will remain with them, more mysterious indeed, but no less real by not being visible to the eye. The eye of faith will be able to discern the presence of the risen one and will know that his departure to the Father is only a temporary arrangement.

The fourth theme is that the revelation of Jesus has not ceased because he is no longer there. The future will bring new challenges but if they continue to remain united with Jesus and through him to the Father, he will continue to reveal himself to them in many new ways. ■

## LEARN

The Christian is one who does God's will.

Love is at the heart of the Christian life.

God will never abandon us.

## DO

The Holy Spirit is the holy breath of God. As you breathe in and out, try to imagine your breath as the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, filling you with life every minute of the day.

## REFLECT

Towards the end of her life, my mother would often state that she always knew she was loved, that she had been surrounded by love throughout her 90 years. She appreciated just how fortunate she was.

To experience that kind of love is a very great blessing. Thank God, most of us have experienced the love of people close to us; we know what it is like to give and receive love.

But there are many whose experience is very different – people who have been abandoned, neglected, or taken for granted, people who have experienced the cold hand of rejection rather than the warm embrace of love and affection.

After the collapse of the Ceauşescu regime in Romania in 1989, aid workers discovered orphanages in which thousands of children and teenagers were kept in appalling conditions. They were malnourished, dressed in rags and locked in cages or rooms for hours on end. Many found it difficult to communicate and were suffering from what psychologists call 'skin hunger'. They lacked warm human touch. They didn't know what it was like to be kissed, embraced or held close. They didn't know what it was like to be loved. These orphans lacked the essential requirements to develop into healthy, loving, lovable human beings. They had been treated horribly.

There's nothing worse than the feeling of being abandoned, forgotten and alone.

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises that we will never be abandoned, forgotten and alone. "I will not leave you as orphans," he declares. "I will come back to you."

He will send the Holy Spirit to be our help and guide. It's a statement of the profound love he and his Father have for all of us. We are loved so much they will never abandon us. No matter what difficulties we face, we can be certain we are not orphans. We are children of a loving God. ■

## PRAY

Pray for those who feel lost, abandoned or unloved, that they may know that God is with them.

## SAY

*"Lord, I know you are with me.  
Help me to be aware of your presence at all times. Amen."*