

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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 Diocese of Hallam: St. Jude's Parish REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 512021

Please pray for all the elderly, sick and housebound of our Parish, and those named below
 George Graver, 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 4th July to Sunday 12th July 2026

04 Saturday	6pm JW	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sr Elizabeth intentions
04 Saturday	1pm SM	Baptism Eliana Chinenye Liepins	
05 Sunday	9am SH	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
05 Sunday	11am SM	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vito & Maria Passaseo RIP
05 Sunday	12.30pm SM	Baptism Charlie Mark Bamford	
08 Wednesday	10am SM	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Memorial List
08 Wednesday	6.30pm JW	Confirmation Mass	
09 Thursday	10am JW	St Augustine Zhao Rong and his Companions	In thanksgiving
10 Friday	10am SH	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Memorial List
10 Friday	After Mass SH	Baptism of Ikenna Samuel Chimeremeze Okoroafor	
11 Saturday	6pm JW	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Special Intentions Mary Erua & family
12 Sunday	9am SH	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
12 Sunday	11am SM	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Danny Fogarty

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	Private Intentions	Anne Barnett
St Mary's	Reg Hughes	J & P 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 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 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 – July – For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

Please email 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 **£739.34**. The **Second Collection this week** is for **Peter's Pence**. The total for the **Second Collection** last week for Bishop Ralph's Golden Jubilee was **£309.71**. Many thanks for all your kindness and generosity.

Confirmation will be on **Wednesday 8th July at St Joseph the Worker, Worksop**. Mass is at **6.30pm**.

There is a **Parish Council** meeting on **Tuesday 7th July 2026 at 6pm at St Helen's Presbytery**. New members are invited. If any of you are interested in becoming a member of the Parish Council, please let Fr Desmond know or contact the office.

Could parishioners at St Joseph the Worker please note that the public car park is having ticket machines installed. Please ensure you are aware of the new regulations for parking there.

For any donations towards St Helen's upgrade/decoration, payment options are: in the collection basket at the back of church; by cheque made out to St Mary & St Joseph or via bank transfer – account: Diocese of Hallam St Mary & St Joseph, sort code: 40-41-07, account no: 41413465 marked for St Helen's upgrade. Thank you very much for all donations already received.

The latest edition of **Hallam Bridge** is available on the parish website.

MARRIAGE IN A RUT? Or need help with deeper issues?

Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage.

Next dates: 2nd - 4th Oct. www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info Tel: 0788 7296983

Please continue to pray for the work of **Mary's Meals**. Collection of foreign and unused currency will recommence in the Autumn.

The **annual Pilgrimage to Padley** is on **Sunday 12th July 2026**. Please see poster at back of church for details.

Dates for Diary –

Silver Jubilee Mass for Fr Desmond on 21st August 2026 at St Joseph the Worker at 6pm.

Sunday Message

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.*

COLLECT

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. 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 Zechariah 9:9-10

A reading from the Prophet Zechariah.

Thus says the Lord:
Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145(144):1-2. 8-9. 10-11. 13c-14. R. cf. 1

R: I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

Or *Alleluia.*

1. I will extol you, my God and king,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name for ever and ever. **R.**
2. The LORD is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the LORD to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**
3. All your works shall thank you, O LORD,
and all your faithful ones bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,
and declare your mighty deeds. **R.**
4. The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and holy in all his deeds.
The LORD supports all who fall,
and raises up all who are bowed down. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 8:9, 11-13

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

Brothers and sisters: You 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.

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.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

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 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time Jesus declared, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation dedicated to your name
purify us, O Lord,
and day by day bring our conduct
closer to the life of heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.*

Or

*Come to me, all who labour and are burdened,
and I will refresh you, says the Lord.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, having been replenished by such great gifts,
we may gain the prize of salvation
and never cease to praise you.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



THE FATHER REVEALED IN THE SON

MATTHEW 11:25-30

In this passage, Jesus offers a glimpse into his intimate relationship with the Father and the nature of discipleship. He begins with a prayer of praise: "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and revealed them to little ones." The contrast between the "wise and learned" and the "little ones" emphasises that God's revelation is not bound by human status or intellect, but comes through humility and openness.

Jesus then extends an invitation: "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Here, he presents himself as the source of consolation and support. The call is personal and relational – not abstract theology, but a real encounter with a compassionate Lord who carries the weight of human struggle.

Finally, Jesus encourages his followers to take on his "yoke" and learn from him, for he is "gentle and humble in heart". The yoke, a common agricultural image, represents guidance and partnership: to follow Jesus is to share in his mission, but in a way that lightens the burden rather than imposes harsh demands.

This passage underscores the accessibility of God's kingdom: it is revealed to those who approach with trust and humility and offers rest and guidance for all who seek it. ■

REFLECT

Jesus invites us to experience God's love in a deeply personal way. He thanks the Father for revealing divine truth not to those who rely solely on human wisdom, but to the humble and trusting. It reminds us that faith is not about showing how much we know, but about approaching God with openness, simplicity, and a willingness to be led.

Jesus extends an invitation to all who are "weary and burdened": come to me, and I will give you rest. The burdens we carry – worry, guilt, fear, or exhaustion – do not go unnoticed. Jesus offers relief not through avoidance, but through companionship. He invites us to take on his "yoke" and learn from him, a yoke that is gentle and light compared with the weight of trying to live alone or in our own strength.

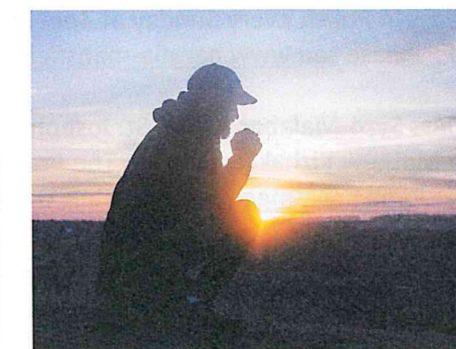
Discipleship, then, is both trusting and practical. It is about allowing Christ to guide our steps, lighten our burdens, and teach us how to live in love and humility. In taking his yoke upon us, we find rest for our souls and a model for how to navigate life's challenges with gentleness and faith. ■

SAY

*"O Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, make my heart like Yours!"
St Thérèse of Lisieux*

DO

This week, take a few moments each day to hand your worries and burdens over to Jesus in prayer, trusting him to guide and lighten your load.



LEARN

Christ invites all who are burdened to find rest in him, and that discipleship is rooted in humility, trust, and reliance on God rather than human strength.