

**St. Jude's Parish, Worktop-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

**Masses for all three churches from Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

11 Saturday	6pm JW	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Special Intentions Mary Erna & family
12 Sunday	9am SH	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
12 Sunday	11am SM	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Danny Fogarty
15 Wednesday	10am SM	St Bonaventure, Bishop	November Memorial List
16 Thursday	10am JW	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	November Memorial List
17 Friday	10am SH	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Memorial List
18 Saturday	6pm JW	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Rosa Dickinson
19 Sunday	9am SH	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Edna Scott RIP
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<b>KEY: SH = St Helen's Church SM = St Mary's Church JW = St Joseph the Worker Church</b>			

*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	November Memorial List	St Jude's Parish
St Helen's	Thanks and Blessings	Pat and Francis Buckley
St Mary's	Danny Fogarty	Sr Elizabeth

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**Holy Mass in Polish every Sunday** at 4pm in the Church of St. Joseph the Worker, 101 Wingfield Avenue, Worktop, S80 0SF. Please see [www.paraia-mansfield.co.uk](http://www.paraia-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, Worktop, S81 0SF. Email address: jomkm@csmeb.net or mobile 07888 170451. National website: [www.eparchyofgreatbrtain.org/](http://www.eparchyofgreatbrtain.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, Worktop. 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.

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**Dates for Diary –**

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

recommence in the Autumn.

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

**MARRIAGE IN A RUT? Or need help with deeper issues?**  
 Retrouaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage.  
 Next dates: 2nd - 4th Oct. [www.retrouaille.org.uk/info](http://www.retrouaille.org.uk/info) Tel: 0788 7296983

**Wednesday 15th July at 5.30pm**, Mass at St Mary Magdalene Cudworth for the **Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**. Followed by refreshments and a talk on the pro-life movement by Robert Colquhoun, Director of International Campaigns for 40 Days for Life.

**Stop assisted suicide being legalised** - Assisted suicide campaigners have sadly brought back the Leadbeater Bill. This can be stopped if MPs vote down the Bill on 11 September. Right To Life UK has launched an EasyAction tool to help you email your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the House of Commons on 11 September. Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide: <https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>

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.

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.

If any of you are interested in becoming a member of the Parish Council, please let Fr Desmond know or contact the office.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jennifer Spencer**, wife of Ian, who died recently. Her funeral service will take place at **Babworth Crematorium on Monday 13th July at 12.30 p.m.**

**OFFERING** – The offering total for last week was **£767.94**. The **Second Collection for Peter's Pence** last week raised **£306.25**. The **Second Collection** next Sunday is for **Sea Sunday**. The total online donations in June came to **£2,507.00**. Many thanks for all your kindness and generosity.

**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 Turfield, Lynn Babiasz, 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 Burton, Alex Carlin, Christina Martin, Mel McCluskie, Pam Little, Robin Clarkson, residents of our Nursing and Care Homes, and patients in Bassettaw Hospital.  
**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.

## THE WORD



### THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

SHORTER FORM

MATTHEW 13:1-23 (MATTHEW 13:1-9)

**GOSPEL** Matthew 13:1-23  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
> (for shorter form read between > <)

> At that time: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A sower went out to sow. And did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.' >

Then the disciples came and said to him, 'Why do you speak to them in parables?' And he answered them, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: "You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive." For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.'

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.*

### COLLECT

O God, who show the light of your truth

to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. 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

Isaiah 55:10-11

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah. Thus says the Lord: 'For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and I shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 65(64):10a-d, 10e-11, 12-13, 14 R. Luke 8:8

R: *Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.*

1. You visit the earth, give it water;

you fill it with riches.

God's ever-flowing river brims over to prepare the grain. R.

2. And thus you prepare it: you drench its furrows; you level it, soften it with showers;

you bless its growth. R.

3. You crown the year with your bounty; abundance flows in your pathways; in pastures of the desert it flows. The hills are girded with joy. R.

4. The meadows clothed with flocks. The valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy; yes, they sing! R.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-23

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans. Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption, and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

### ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

R: *Alleluia, alleluia.*

The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; all who find him will live for ever. R: *Alleluia.*

### COMMUNION ANTI-PHON

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### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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### REFLECT

Jesus reminds us today that hearing the word of God is only the beginning. The seed falls widely, generously, but the fruit it bears depends on the condition of the soil – the openness of our hearts. Some hearts are like the path: the word is quickly lost, easily distracted. Some are like rocky ground: initial enthusiasm fades without deep roots. Others are choked by the worries and desires of life, leaving little room for growth. Yet the parable also shows hope. Where hearts are receptive, the seed produces abundant fruit – thirty, sixty, even a hundredfold. God's word is powerful, patient, and persistent. Discipleship asks us to cultivate our hearts: to listen, reflect, and nurture faith, allowing it to take root deeply.

The parable encourages self-reflection: are our hearts like rich soil, ready to receive, nurture, and bear fruit from the word of God? ■

In this passage, Jesus tells the Parable of the Sower, describing how the message of the kingdom of heaven is received differently by different people. The sower scatters seed widely, illustrating God's generous offer of the Gospel. The focus is not on the sower, but on the soil – the hearts of those who hear the word.

The parable identifies four types of soil: the path, where the seed is quickly snatched away; rocky ground, where the word springs up but withers without deep roots; among thorns, where cares and desires choke growth; and rich soil, where the seed bears abundant fruit. Each soil represents a condition of the human heart, reminding us that the reception of God's word is affected by openness, perseverance, and priorities. Jesus explains that the "seed" is the word of the kingdom, and the varying results show both the promise and the challenge of discipleship. Some hear but do not retain; others accept superficially; others are distracted by worldly concerns. Yet, when we are prepared to listen, the word produces abundant growth, revealing God's patience and the transformative power of his message.

### SAY

"Lord, make me a good and faithful servant of Your Word." St Francis de Sales



God's word is powerful and fruitful, but it requires openness, attentiveness, and care in our hearts to bear the fruit of discipleship.

### LEARN



This week, take a moment each day to reflect quietly on God's word, asking how it can take root in your life.

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