

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

Masses for all three churches from Saturday 25th July to Sunday 2nd August 2026

25 Saturday	6pm JW	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
26 Sunday	9am SH	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Eddie, George & Ron RIP
26 Sunday	11am SM	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mary Ann Hughes RIP
29 Wednesday	10am SM	Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus	Rosa Dickinson
30 Thursday	10am JW	St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor	Bill Lane RIP
31 Friday	6pm SH	St Ignatius Loyola, Priest	November Memorial List
01 Saturday	6pm JW	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mick Maguire RIP
02 Sunday	9am SH	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Helen Cutts RIP
02 Sunday	11am SM	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	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	Jan Babiarez RIP	Frank & Lynn Babiash
St Helen's	November Memorial List	St Jude's Parish
St Mary's	Jan Babiarez RIP Anniversary	Wanda Glen

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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 in St. Joseph's Church Hall, Worksop is taking a break and will resume on Thursday 20th August at 10.30am .

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.

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.

OFFERING – The offering total for last week was **£629.12**. The **Second** Collection last week for **Sea Sunday** total was **£302.29**. Many thanks for all your kindness and generosity.

Please note that Mass on **Friday 31st July** is at **6pm**.

We would like to wish **Beatrice** a very happy birthday on **Thursday 30th July**.

Thursday Prayer Group

The Prayer Group is taking a break and will resume on Thursday 20th August at 10:30am.

The **Parish Office** will be **closed from 31st July to morning of 11th August 2026**.

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.

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 vote 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>

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.

Dates for Diary –

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.*

COLLECT

O God, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us
and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may use the good things that pass
in such a way as to hold fast even now
to those that ever endure.
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 1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12

A reading from the First Book of Kings.

In those days: The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night,
and God said, 'Ask what I shall give you.' And Solomon said, 'O LORD
my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my
father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or
come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you
have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted
for multitude. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind
to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil,
for who is able to govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said
to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for
yourself long life, or riches, or the life of your enemies, but have
asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold,
I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and
discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and
none like you shall arise after you.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 119(118):57, 72. 76-77. 127-128. 129-130. R. 97a

R: O LORD, how I love your law!

1. You, O LORD, are my portion;
I have promised to obey your words.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than large quantities of silver and gold. *R.*
2. Let your merciful love console me
by your promise to your servant.
Show me compassion, that I may live,
for your law is my delight. *R.*
3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways. *R.*
4. Your decrees are wonderful indeed;
therefore my soul obeys them.
The unfolding of your word gives light,
and understanding to the simple. *R.*

SECOND READING Romans 8:28-30

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

Brothers and sisters: We know that for those who love God all
things work together for good, for those who are called according
to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined
to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be
the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those whom
he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also
justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

(for shorter form read between > <)

> At that time: Jesus said to the crowd: 'The kingdom of heaven is
like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up.
Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of
fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold
all that he had and bought it. <

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into
the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men
drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers
but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The
angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous
and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all these things?' They said to him, 'Yes.'
And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained
for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings
out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings
which we bring from the abundance of your gifts,
that through the powerful working of your grace
these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life
and lead us to eternal gladness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.*

Or

*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament,
the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son;
grant, we pray, that this gift,
which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling,
may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sunday Message

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

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THE PARABLES OF THE HIDDEN TREASURE AND THE PEARL

MATTHEW 13:44-52
(SHORTER FORM MATTHEW 13:44-46)



Jesus shares three parables that highlight the incomparable value of the kingdom of heaven. The Parable of the Hidden Treasure and the Parable of the Pearl emphasize the supreme worth of God's kingdom.

In both, individuals recognise something of immense value – a treasure or a pearl – and willingly give everything to obtain it. These images convey that entering the kingdom requires total commitment: following Christ may demand sacrifice, yet the reward far surpasses all else.

The Parable of the Net illustrates the final judgement and the discernment inherent in God's plan. The net gathers fish of every kind, and at the end, a separation occurs between the good and the bad. This serves as a reminder that while God's kingdom welcomes all, human choices and response to God's word have lasting consequences.

Together, these parables teach about both the preciousness of the kingdom and the responsibility of discipleship. Believers are called to recognise its value, prioritise it above worldly concerns, and live faithfully while awaiting God's ultimate judgement. The imagery encourages discernment, commitment, and trust in the transformative power of the kingdom in our lives. ■

REFLECT

These parables invite us to consider what we truly treasure in life. The hidden treasure and the pearl challenge us to ask: what am I willing to give up to follow Christ? Faith calls for more than appreciation – it calls for wholehearted commitment. It may require letting go of comfort, habits, or attachments that distract us from living fully for God.

The Parable of the Net reminds us that life is a mixture of joys and challenges, good and bad. We do not control everything, but God calls us to live attentively and responsibly, making choices that nurture goodness and growth. Discipleship is about small, faithful actions – moments of kindness, prayer, and generosity that may seem hidden but are precious in God's sight.

Together, these parables remind us that the kingdom of God is a treasure worth seeking every day. Our task is to cultivate awareness, discernment, and willingness to act. Even modest efforts, offered with love, can be transformed into lasting blessings. Living with this awareness shapes our priorities and allows God's kingdom to grow quietly, steadily, and powerfully in and through us. ■

LEARN

God's kingdom is of infinite value, and that discipleship requires wholehearted commitment, attentiveness, and the willingness to cultivate faith through small, faithful actions. (CCC 1803)

SAY

Lord,
Help me to recognize the treasure of
your kingdom.
Give me the courage to place you first
and the wisdom to act faithfully in
small ways each day.
Amen.

DO

Take a moment to reflect on what truly matters in your life and consider letting go of one distraction or attachment that keeps you from following Christ more fully.

