

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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Masses for all three churches from Saturday 1st August to Sunday 9th August 2026

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
05 Wednesday	10am SM	Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major	Martha Beardmore RIP
06 Thursday	10am JW	The Transfiguration of the Lord	Robert Ozelins RIP anniversary
07 Friday	10am SH	Ss Sixtus II, Pope and his Companions, Martyrs	Danny Fogarty
08 Saturday	6pm JW	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Phyllis Aitchinson RIP
09Sunday	9am SH	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
09 Sunday	11am SM	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vito & Maria Passaseo RIP
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	Nora Hayes	Frank & Lynn Babiash
St Helen’s	Helen Cutts RIP	Woodhouse Family
St Mary’s	Cath Scanlon	J. 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 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 – August– For evangelisation in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community

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.*

Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

OFFERING – The offering total for last week was **£773.81**. The next **Second** Collection is on **6th September 2026** for **Needy Parishes Fund**. Many thanks for all your kindness and generosity.

The Parish Office will be closed from **31st July to 9am on 11th August 2026**.

Please remember in your prayers Ositabinma Chinomso and Praise Chibinma who will be getting married in Nigeria soon.

Thursday Prayer Group

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

St Helen’s Gardening Club – the next meeting is on **Tuesday 4th August at 9.30am**. All are welcome.

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

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.

Prayers for Worksop – St John’s Church are hosting an interdenominational “One Hour of Prayer for Worksop” on **Wednesday 5th August** from **7pm to 8pm**. All are welcome.

Leeds Walsingham Way is a NEW Joint Diocesan Camino for the Year of St Francis of Assisi! Full information and links for Day Pilgrims to sign up for any of the days walking through Leeds or Hallam Dioceses here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/day-pilgrims-invited-to-join-new-diocesan-walking-pilgrimage/>. ALL welcome to join for Mass: Camino begins **Saturday 12 September with 8am Pilgrims’ Mass at Leeds Cathedral**, followed by walk to Wakefield; **8am Sunday Mass at St Austin’s, Wakefield**, followed by walk into Hallam; **Tuesday 15 September 8am Mass at St Marie’s Cathedral, Sheffield**, followed by walk to Padley Martyrs’ Chapel.

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

*O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.*

COLLECT

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:1-3

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:

'Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145(144):8-9. 15-16. 17-18. R. cf. 16

R: You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

1. 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.**
2. The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand and satisfy
the desire of every living thing. **R.**
3. The LORD is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The LORD is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 8:35, 37-39

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

Brothers and sisters: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things

present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Matthew 4:4b

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time: When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' But Jesus said, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They said to him, 'We have only five loaves here and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray,
and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice,
make of us an eternal offering to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.*

Or

*I am the bread of life, says the Lord;
whoever comes to me will not hunger
and whoever believes in me will not thirst.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Accompany with constant protection, O Lord,
those you renew with these heavenly gifts
and, in your never-failing care for them,
make them worthy of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

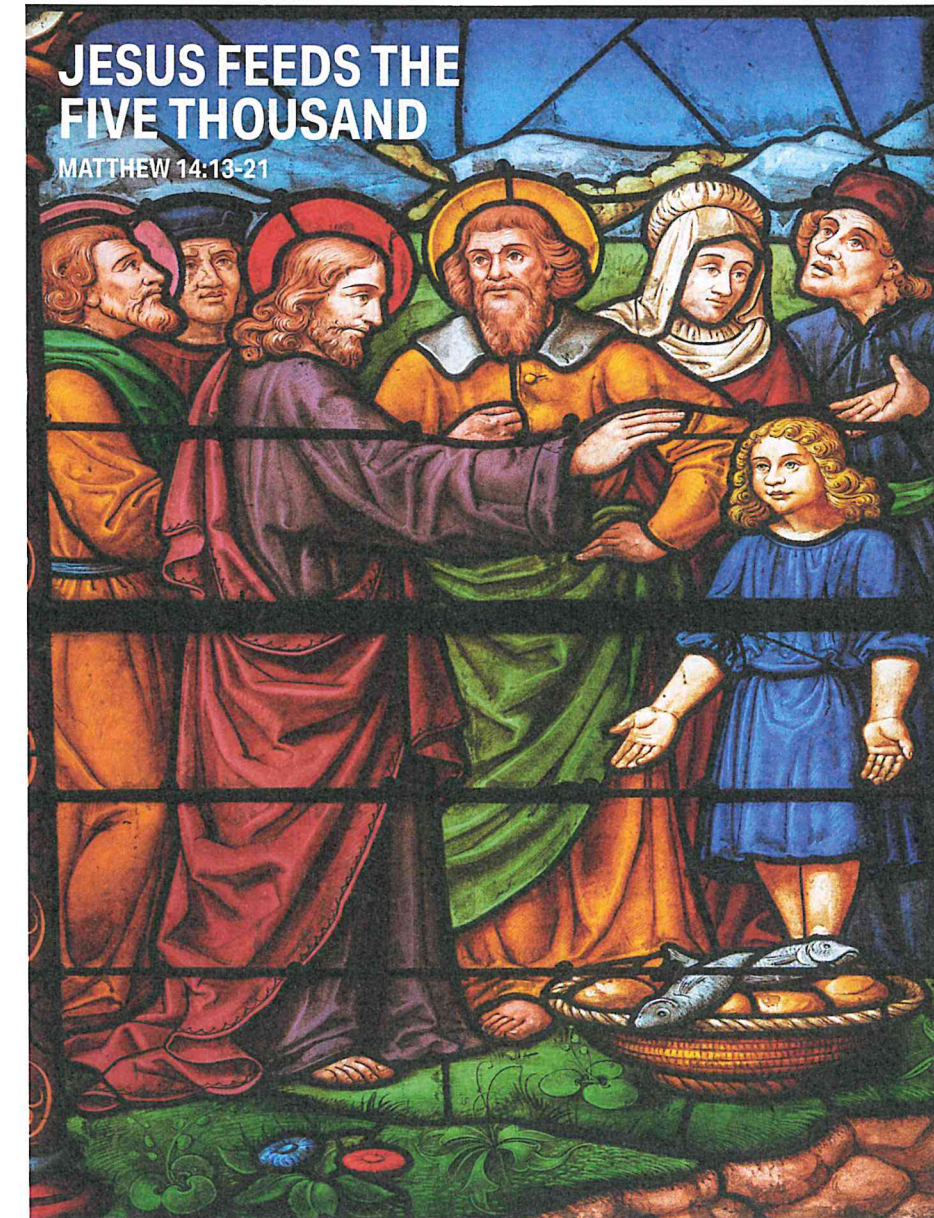
Amen.

Sunday Message

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

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In this passage, we witness Jesus' compassion in action. Upon hearing of John the Baptist's death, he withdraws to a quiet place, yet the crowds follow him. Seeing their need, "he had compassion on them and healed their sick". Jesus' concern is both spiritual and physical – he attends to their suffering, showing that God's care embraces every aspect of human life.

The miracle of the feeding highlights the abundance of God's providence. With only five loaves and two fish, Jesus blesses the small offering, distributes it to the crowd, and everyone eats their fill. The leftover fragments emphasise that God's generosity is overflowing and cannot be exhausted. The disciples' participation in distributing the food demonstrates the partnership between divine action and human response.

Matthew presents this event as a sign of the kingdom: God provides for his people, satisfies their needs, and invites cooperation in his work. It also prefigures the Eucharist, where Christ gives himself as spiritual nourishment. The passage calls readers to trust in God's providence, offer what they have, and participate actively in sharing his love and care with others. ■

REFLECT

Jesus heals the sick and cares for them, showing that discipleship begins with attentiveness to the suffering around us. Faith is not only belief but action: seeing the needs of others and responding with love.

The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand reminds us that God can transform even our smallest efforts into abundance. The disciples' simple offering of five loaves and two fish, given to Jesus, becomes enough to satisfy thousands. This teaches us that nothing we offer – no act of kindness, prayer, or generosity – is too small for God to use.

We are invited to participate in God's work today. Small gestures of care, encouragement, or sharing what we have can have greater impact than we imagine. Jesus shows us that when we bring our limited resources and trust them to God, they are multiplied, and everyone benefits. Discipleship calls us to compassionate action, to notice needs, and to offer what we can, trusting God to provide abundantly and transform ordinary efforts into blessings. ■

LEARN

God calls us to participate in his work of compassion; even small offerings, when entrusted to Christ, can be multiplied to meet the needs of others.

DO

Bring what little you have – time, talent, or resources – and trust God to use it to bless others.

SAY

*Little things done with great love
are mighty in God's sight.
St Thérèse of Lisieux*

