

St. Jude’s Parish, Workso-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 8th August to Sunday 16th August 2026

08 Saturday	6pm JW	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Phyllis Aitchinson RIP
09 Sunday	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
12 Wednesday	10am SM	St Jane Frances de Chantal	November Memorial List
13 Thursday	10am JW	Ss Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest	November Memorial List
14 Friday	10am SH	St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr	November Memorial List
15 Saturday	6pm JW	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Genovera Vazquez Maira
16 Sunday	9am SH	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Rosa Dickinson
16 Sunday	11am SM	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	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	November Memorial List	St Jude’s Parish
St Helen’s	Terry McGuire RIP	Rita Martin
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, Workso-, S80 OSF. 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, Workso-, S81 OSF. 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, Workso- 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 stjudesworksooldcotes@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 – If anyone would like the total of last week’s collection, please contact the office when it is open again. 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**.

Thursday Prayer Group

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

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

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.

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

*Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.*

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters,
that we may merit to enter into the inheritance
which you have promised.
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 19:9a. 11-13a

A reading from the First Book of Kings.
In those days: Elijah reached Horeb, the mount of God. There
he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of
the LORD came to him. And he said, 'Go out and stand on the
mount before the LORD.' And behold, the LORD passed by, and a
great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces
the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind.
And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the
earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was
not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And
when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went
out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 85(84):9ab, 10. 11-12. 13-14. R.8

*R: Show us, O Lord, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.*

1. I will hear what the LORD GOD speaks;
he speaks of peace for his people and his faithful.
His salvation is near for those who fear him,
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have kissed.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth,
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**
3. The LORD will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.
Righteousness will march before him,
and guide his steps on the way. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 9:1-5

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

Brothers and sisters: I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am
not lying. My conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit
– that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.
For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from
Christ for the sake of my brothers and sisters, my kinsmen

according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong
the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the
worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and
from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God
over all, blessed for ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Psalm 130(129):5

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

I long for you, O LORD,
my soul longs for his word.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

After the crowd had eaten and were satisfied: Immediately
Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to
the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had
dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself
to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the
boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the
waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch
of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the
disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and
said, 'It is a ghost!' and they cried out in fear. But immediately
Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'Take heart; it is I. Do not be
afraid.' And Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command
me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got
out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus.
But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to
sink he cried out, 'Lord, save me.' Jesus immediately reached
out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, 'O you of little
faith, why did you doubt?' And when they got into the boat, the
wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying,
'Truly you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church,
for in your mercy you have given them to be offered
and by your power you transform them
into the mystery of our salvation.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.*

Or

*The bread that I will give, says the Lord,
is my flesh for the life of the world.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the communion in your Sacrament
that we have consumed, save us, O Lord,
and confirm us in the light of your truth.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sunday Message

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

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In this passage, Jesus demonstrates both his divinity and his care for his disciples in a moment of fear and uncertainty. After sending the crowds away, he goes to a mountainside to pray, showing the importance of solitude and communion with the Father even in the midst of ministry. Meanwhile, the disciples face a storm on the sea, symbolising life's trials and the challenges of faith.

Jesus approaches them, walking on the water, revealing his authority over creation. Peter's request to join him illustrates human courage and desire for closeness to Christ, but also the fragility of faith: when Peter focuses on the wind and waves, he begins to sink. Jesus' immediate response – "Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid" – highlights that divine help is available the moment we call on him.

The episode teaches that faith requires focus on Christ rather than circumstances. Discipleship is not the absence of fear or difficulty but trusting Jesus' presence in the storm. Matthew emphasises that Christ not only commands nature but also sustains and strengthens those who seek him, reinforcing the call to trust, courage, and dependence on God. ■

REFLECT

Faith often grows in the midst of life's storms. The disciples are terrified as the wind and waves threaten their boat, yet Jesus comes to them, walking on the water. His presence reminds us that we are never alone, even when circumstances feel overwhelming.

Peter's bold step onto the water shows the courage that faith can inspire. Yet when he notices the storm, fear overtakes him, and he begins to sink. Jesus' hand reaches out immediately: "Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid." Faith is not about being fearless; it is about keeping our eyes fixed on Christ, especially when life feels uncertain or threatening.

We, too, face storms – in work, relationships, health, or spiritual struggles. Discipleship calls us to call out to Jesus, to trust his presence, and to step forward even when the way is unclear. The Gospel encourages us to act with courage, to rely on Christ rather than our own strength, and to remember that even when we falter, he is there to lift us up. Faith grows in trust, not in comfort. ■

DO

When you feel overwhelmed, remember to reach out for help – spiritual, practical, or emotional – trusting that God's support is always near.



SAY

Lord Jesus,
Help me to keep my eyes on you in every storm.
Strengthen my faith and reach out your hand when I begin to falter.
Amen.

LEARN

Faith requires trust in Christ, especially in times of fear and difficulty. God's presence sustains and strengthens us when we step out in courage.