

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 5th September to Sunday 13th September 2026

05 Saturday	6pm JW	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jean & Bill Beddows RIP
06 Sunday	9am SH	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
06 Sunday	11am SM	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sr Julie Rose SHJM
09 Wednesday	10am SM	St Peter Claver	November Memorial List
10 Thursday	10am JW	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Memorial List
11 Friday	10am SH	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Memorial List
12 Saturday	6pm JW	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wilson & Mary Allison RIP
13 Sunday	9am SH	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
13 Sunday	11am SM	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Bethany & Callum private intentions
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	Pat & Francis Buckley	Sally & Philip Burton
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 at St Helen’s Church is taking a break and will return on 16th September at 6.30pm.

Prayer Group meeting every Thursday in St. Joseph’s Church Hall, Workso- at 10.30am .

The Pope’s Monthly Prayer Intentions – September – For the care of water
Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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, 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, 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 total collection last week was £564.10 . There is a Second Collection this week for Needy Parishes Fund. Many thanks for all your kindness and generosity.

The funeral of Winifred Theresa Gorrige RIP will be held on Wednesday 9th September 2026 at Barnby Moor Crematorium at 12 noon. May she rest in peace. Please also pray for all who have died recently, for people grieving and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

The Parish office will be closed on Thursday 10th September 2026.

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.

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

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.

Your MP could be one of the 12 - Only 12 MPs need to switch for the assisted suicide Bill to be defeated on 11 September. A face-to-face meeting can make a real difference to how your MP votes. Right To Life UK’s simple tool lets you request a meeting in just 30 seconds and gives you everything you need to prepare, including a short video guide. Please ask your MP today for a meeting and urge them to vote NO to assisted suicide: <https://righttolife.org.uk/meetyourmp>

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

St Peter in Chains, Doncaster is hosting a Day of Prayer on 24th October, promoting the Shrine of Our Lady of Doncaster (see poster at back of church for details). A nine-week novena in preparation for the day begins on 22nd August asking Our Lady of Doncaster and the four beatified martyrs of the Diocese of Hallam (Blesseds Nicolas Garlik, Robert Ludlum. John Anne, William Richardson) to intercede for us.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
*You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.*

COLLECT
O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,
look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ
may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance.
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 Ezekiel 33:7-9
A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.
Thus says the Lord: 'So you, son of man, I have made a
watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word
from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say
to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do
not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked
person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your
hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he
does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity,
but you will have delivered your soul.'
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R. 7c, 8a
R: *O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'*

1. Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise. **R.**
2. O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the LORD who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand. **R.**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 13:8-10
A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.
Brothers and sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love
each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.
For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You
shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet', and
any other commandment, are summed up in this word: 'You

shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to
a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL 2 Corinthians 5:19
R: *Alleluia, alleluia.*
God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
R: *Alleluia.*

GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If your brother sins
against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him
alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But
if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you,
that every charge may be established by the evidence of two
or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the
church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him
be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you,
whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and
whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again
I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they
ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where
two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace,
graciously grant that, through this offering,
we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty
and, by partaking of the sacred mystery,
we may be faithfully united in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
*Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.*
Or
*I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Grant that your faithful, O Lord,
whom you nourish and endow with life
through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament,
may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts
that we may merit an eternal share in his life.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

Sunday Message

THE WORD



Today's Gospel offers practical advice on dealing with disagreements within the community. The early Christians did not just gather for the Eucharist or for common prayer. They often lived in the same area of a town or city.

They shared their property with one another, looked after their sick, and kept an open door for other Christians on their travels. In such close-knit communities, disagreements between individuals can poison the atmosphere for others.

Jesus proposes a three-step process to solve such disputes. In step one, those in disagreement are expected to meet to clear the air. This reminds us of Jesus' advice in the Sermon on the Mount that when 'you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you... first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.'

If this doesn't work, the disputants should invite two or three others to act as brokers. If this fails, the third step is to submit the dispute to a meeting of the whole church community to find a solution. If either party refuses to accept mediation, they are to be excluded. This is a drastic step, but it recognises that if action is not taken and bitterness is allowed to simmer, it has the potential to destroy the life of a close-knit community.

Jesus is reminding us that, as Christians, we must never turn a blind eye to anything that harms another person or damages the community. To really love another means sometimes having to say difficult and painful things. It means speaking candidly and honestly, even at the risk of losing the friendship. It means sometimes having to show tough love. ■

REFLECT

The Reverend Harold Good is one of the main architects of the Irish peace process. A former president of the Methodist Church in Ireland, he was, with Fr Alex Reid, one of two independent eyewitnesses to the decommissioning of IRA arms in 2005. For decades, he worked quietly behind the scenes to bring the opposing sides together. During that time, he learned several lessons about reconciliation and peacemaking, lessons he has also used to help resolve conflicts in Spain and Colombia. He calls them his four T's.

The first T stands for 'talk.' Without the willingness to talk, to engage with the other, conflict resolution will be impossible. Whether it is a violent conflict like the 'Troubles' or a local or family dispute, dialogue is the only effective dynamic for peaceful conflict resolution. Real dialogue

involves face-to-face communication between those in conflict. The first and most important part of dialogue is listening. Its purpose is to uncover common ground that will enable all concerned to build an agreement that resolves their conflict. For agreement to take place, there must be a willingness to sit down and talk.

The second T stands for 'truth.' If talks are to be fruitful, they must be honest. Both sides must be completely sincere with each other, however uncomfortable that might be. If we are not upfront with each other, if we don't speak our truth clearly and honestly, then mistrust will remain, and any lasting understanding or agreement will be impossible.

The third T is 'trust.' Without trust, there can be no resolution or settlement. If we doubt the sincerity of the other side, or they doubt our truthfulness and sincerity, deep

SAY
'Lord, help me to speak your truth at all times. Amen.'

DO
How do you respond when arguments or disputes break out? Are you a peacemaker?

PRAY
It is not easy to challenge someone or point out their faults. Pray for the strength to take the loving course of action in your dealings with others.



LEARN
As Christians, we have a responsibility for each other. We have a duty to point out each other's wrongdoing, and to do all we can to promote forgiveness and reconciliation.

True love hurts sometimes.

suspicions will remain, and peacemaking will fail.

The fourth T is 'time.' To build trust, one must be prepared to invest as much time as it takes. Patience is necessary. It took many, many years before the parties in the North trusted one another enough to sign the Good Friday Agreement. The four Ts made agreement possible.

Harold Good often adds a fifth T: 'tea.' If people are willing to literally break bread together, reaching an agreement or settlement will be more likely. Table fellowship helps to break down barriers.

Rev Good's lessons mirror Jesus' advice for resolving disputes. No matter what dispute we find ourselves caught up in, we must trust in God's presence, be willing to talk and speak the truth, and be ready to spend time listening. ■