

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

4. And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name. Bring us back, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved. **R.**

SECOND READING Philippians 4:6-9

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

Brothers and sisters: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL cf. John 15:16

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

I chose you out of the world, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than at first. And they did the same to them. "Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance." And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes"? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray,

the sacrifices instituted by your commands

and, through the sacred mysteries,

which we celebrate with difficult service,

graciously complete the sanctifying work

by which you are pleased to redeem us... **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Though many, we are one bread, one body,

for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God,

that we may be refreshed and nourished

by the Sacrament which we have received,

so as to be transformed into what we consume... **Amen.**

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,

who in the abundance of your kindness

surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,

pour out your mercy upon us

to pardon what conscience dreads

and to give what prayer does not dare to ask... **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved

my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,

and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it,

and he looked for it to yield grapes,

but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,

judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard,

that I have not done in it?

When I looked for it to yield grapes,

why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you

what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,

and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,

and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste;

it shall not be pruned or hoed,

and briars and thorns shall grow up;

I will also command the clouds

that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts

is the house of Israel,

and the men of Judah

are his pleasant planting;

and he looked for justice, but beheld, bloodshed;

for righteousness, but beheld, an outcry!

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 80(79):9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 R. Isaiah 5:7a

R: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;

you drove out the nations and planted it.

It stretched out its branches to the sea;

to the River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**

2. Then why have you broken down its walls?

It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,

devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**

3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore;

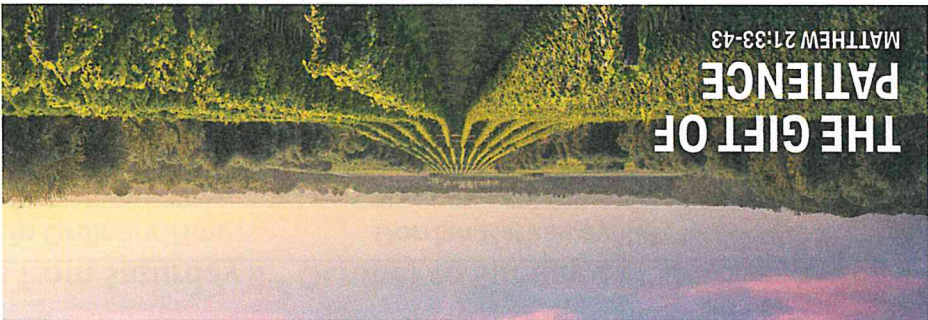
look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,

the stock your right hand has planted,

the son you have claimed for yourself. **R.**

THE WORD



St Matthew uses the parable in today's Gospel to summarise the story of God's relationship with God's people. The characters in the story are symbolic. The landlord represents God, the tenants are the people of Israel, and the servants are the prophets, whom God has continually sent to Israel to remind the people of their true destiny. All of them were rejected and despised.

Finally, God sends his son Jesus, who, like the son in the parable, will be murdered by those to whom he came. The landlord will punish the tenants by leasing the vineyard to new tenants. This is Matthew's way of telling his readers that the kingdom of God will be given to the Gentiles, the outsiders, as it were, those who weren't part of the original story. Since the Son has been rejected by the people he came for, he must go to others instead.

The parable is also a reminder of God's patience. In the Old Testament, the people of Israel kept turning their backs on God. But God never gives up on them, never abandons them. Over and over again, God makes allowances for them and forgives them. "This is what distinguished the God of Abraham from other gods of antiquity, who were indifferent, capricious, and casually cruel. Israel's God is the God of endless patience, of infinite second chances, always ready to welcome the prodigal home. In the end, God even sent his son among us to save us, to lead us home.

Jesus displayed similar patience. People resisted his message; many opposed him; even his closest friends misunderstood him. He must have been desperately frustrated and disappointed with them, but Jesus never gave up on them. Even after Peter denied him three times, Jesus welcomed him back.

God shows that same patience towards each one of us. Even when we keep letting God down and turning our backs on him, even when we disappoint and exasperate him, God is always ready to forgive and forget, to accept us with open arms. ■

REFLECT

There's no doubt about it, practising patience has never been more difficult. We live in a culture of wanting things now, one of instant gratification. Waiting is a challenge. And not just the sort of anxiety-filled waiting we're obliged to do in an overcrowded A&E, but any kind of waiting. Many of us suffer from road rage, all for the sake of gaining a few extra minutes. Having to sit at a red light annoys us; being stuck in a barely moving queue frustrates us. If our internet connection is down or slow, we get angry. Regular broadband is no longer sufficient; we need high-speed broadband. We're intolerant of inconvenience and discomfort.

The letter 'i' in 'internet' stands not just for me, the individual, but also for instant

- instant access, instant news, instant communication, instant entertainment, instant titillation - available immediately, right now, this very second. As with instant messaging, instant coffee, and ready-made meals, we demand immediate results, and we want them now.

It can be the same with our relationships.

If a relationship is in difficulty, we can be tempted to give up on it. Caring for sick or elderly loved ones can test our endurance, our tolerance. If things start to go wrong for us professionally – maybe there are problems at work, or a promotion isn't coming, or our ambitions are being frustrated – we can get angry or feel like quitting.

Our pilgrim journey requires patience. Despite our best efforts, we're not going to become saints overnight, become perfect in a flash, reach heaven unscathed. We are flawed, we are frail; we make mistakes; we flounder and founder. Knowing that God is always patiently with us, walking alongside us every step of the way, we learn to be patient with ourselves and patient with each other. ■

God's message is intended for everyone.

God never rejects anyone.

God always sees the good in us, our potential;

God never stops giving us the chance to turn back towards him.

LEARN



In today's fast-paced, super-competitive world, practising patience has never been more challenging. Pray for the virtue of patience, if you need it.

PRAY

SAY
"Lord, I thank you for your patience with me. Help me to draw closer to you every day. Amen."

Try to be more patient with people at home, at work, and on the roads this week.

DO

St. Jude's Parish, Workscop-Oldcotes, in the Diocese of Hallam
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Masses for all three churches from Saturday 3rd October to Sunday 11th October 2026

03 Saturday	6pm JW	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Dorrian Hathaway RIP
04 Sunday	9am SH	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Nora Shovlin
04 Sunday	11am SM	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
07 Wednesday	10am SM	Our Lady of the Rosary	Past & present members of Workscop SVP
08 Thursday	9.30am JW	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
08 Thursday	10am JW	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Tony Manfredi RIP & Reg Hughes RIP
09 Friday	6pm SH	St John Henry Newman, Priest, Doctor	Jacqui Green RIP
10 Saturday	6pm JW	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wilson Athony Allison RIP & Barbara Allison
11 Sunday	9am SH	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Private Intention
11 Sunday	11am SM	28 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	Wilson Anthony Allison RIP & Barbara Allison	Allison Family
St Helen's	Private Intentions	Anne Barnett
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, Workscop, S80 0SF. Please see www.parafia-mansfield.co.uk for details or contact Fr. Kazimierz Bidzinski on 01623 626470.

Flame of Love Rosary is held at St Helen's Church on a Wednesday at 6.30pm. Timings will change from **Wednesday 7th October** to 2pm.

Prayer Group meeting every Thursday in St. Joseph's Church Hall, Workscop at 10.30am .

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions – October – For Mental Health Ministry
Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Please email stjudesworkscopoldcotes@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 Babiasz, Helen Maggio, Graham Lister, Chris Carter, Richard & Sheila Cummins, June Downs, Sally Burton, Barry Oliver, Dr Phillip Hobson, Jean Kinneil, 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 Bassettlaw 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 **£681.17**. The **Second Collection** for **CAFOD Family Fast Day** is this week. The total online donations for August came to **£2322**. There will be a **Second collection** for **Prisoners' Sunday** next week and a **Second collection** for **Missio Sunday** on **18th October** . Many thanks for all your kindness and generosity.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest - Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.

Please note the mass at **St Helen's** on **Friday** this week is at **6pm**.

Volunteers are needed to help clean the hall at St Mary's, particularly the kitchen unit and toilets, on **Wednesday** after Mass.

Please could all parishioners who have a **Red APF Missio Box** bring to **St Helen's** and give to **Sally Burton** to be emptied. For parishioners of **St Joseph and St Mary's** please return to **Heldi** to be emptied. Thank you.

Christmas goods, cards, etc will be available from **October** in all three churches.

Our new **November Memorial List 2026 to 2027 from 1st November 2026 to 31st October 2027** will replace the current list. Names previously submitted are not automatically renewed each year. If you would like to include any loved ones who have passed away in this new list to be remembered in masses throughout the whole of this Memorial Year, please fill in a slip available from church and return to Fr Desmond with your kind donation by Sunday 25th October 2026 at the latest to guarantee inclusion in the posters in church and online. Many thanks.

First Holy Communion and **Confirmation registration forms** are available now from church and we would be grateful if you would return the completed forms by 29th November 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.

If you or someone you know has a child born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, it is time to apply for their school place for September 2027. Holy Family invites you to a Try before you Apply event in school on **Wednesday 7th October 2026 between 2pm and 5:30pm**. To let us know when you would like to come please call 01909 473917, email office@hollyfamily.notts.sch.uk or pop into school. We look forward to meeting you.

Mary's Meals - Mary's Meals serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. Your unwanted foreign currency (coins and notes) and old British coins and notes can turn into meals for hungry children. As the main holiday season is over the boxes will return to the back of all three churches by the end of September. Please place any unused currency in the boxes and they will be emptied periodically up until the end of November, approximately. The collections earlier this year raised £280 for Mary's Meals which is wonderful and will help feed the children. Thank you so much to those who donated. There is more we could do for Mary's Meals and if anyone, in any of the 3 parishes, would like to be a Parish volunteer and help please let Fr Des or Deacon Peter know. Thank you.

Marriage Help - Communication failure is a major cause of marital breakdown - 1,000's of couples have found **Retrovaille** helped their relationship. Retrovaille is not counselling but a programme to help married couples work through conflicts more effectively. We focus on helping restore trust and hope. www.Retrovaille.org.uk +44 7887 296 983