

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 10th October to Sunday 18th October 2026

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
14 Wednesday	No Mass today		
15 Thursday	No Mass today		
16 Friday	10am SH	St Hedwig, Religious	Francis Buckley 80 th Birthday
17 Saturday	6pm JW	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Maria Maira RIP
18 Sunday	9am SH	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
18 Sunday	11am SM	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Heidi's 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	November Memorial List	St Jude's Parish
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 at St Helen's Church on a Wednesday at 2pm.

Prayer Group meeting every Thursday in St. Joseph's Church Hall, Workso- 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 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

Rebecca Handley, 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 £796.01. The **Second Collection** for **CAFOD Family Fast Day** last week raised £657.85. The **Second collection** this week is for **Prisoners' Sunday** and a **Second collection** for **Missio Sunday** is next week . Many thanks for all your kindness and generosity.

What is Prisoners' Sunday? - Prisoners' Sunday is the national Catholic day of prayer and action for prisoners and their families. It is a moment to reflect on the lives of those affected by imprisonment — those in prison, their children and families, and all who struggle with the lasting impact of justice system involvement. It is an invitation to respond with compassion, prayer and practical support. Please support in the second collection

Please note there are no Masses on Wednesday or Thursday this week and Mass at **St Helen's** on **Friday** is at **10am**.

The funeral of **Linda Holland** RIP will be held on **Friday 16th October** at **St Joseph the Worker** at **2pm** with committal at **Babworth crematorium**. 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 next **Parish Council** meeting is on **Friday 16th October** at **6pm** at **St Helen's**.

Many thanks to those who volunteered in cleaning the Parish Hall at St. Mary's last Sunday.

Please note the change in time to **2pm** for Flame of Love Rosary at St Helen's on a Wednesday.

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 **Heidi** 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.

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 **Retrouvaille** helped their relationship. Retrouvaille is not counselling but a programme to help married couples work through conflicts more effectively. We focus on helping restore trust and hope. www.Retrouvaille.org.uk +44 7887 296 983

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.*

COLLECT

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.
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 25:6-10a

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
He will swallow up death for ever;
and the LORD GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
'Behold, this is our God;
we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.'
For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R. 6cd

*R: In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.*

1. The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul. **R.**
2. He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. **R.**
3. You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**
4. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. **R.**

SECOND READING Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.
Brothers and sisters: I know how to be brought low, and I know
how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the

secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do
all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you
to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours
according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and
Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL cf. Ephesians 1:17, 18

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

(for shorter form read between > <)

> At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the
elders of the people, in parables, saying, 'The kingdom of
heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast
for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited
to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent
other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have
prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been
slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.'"
But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another
to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them
shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his
troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then
he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those
invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite
to the wedding feast as many as you find." And those servants
went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both
bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.<
'But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man
who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, "Friend, how did
you get in here without a wedding garment?" And he was speechless.
Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and
cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping
and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that, through these acts of devotedness,
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.*

Or

*When the Lord appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord,
that, as you feed us with the nourishment
which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,
so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

Sunday Message

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year A • 11 October 2026 • Psalter Week 4

A FEAST FOR EVERYONE

MATTHEW 22:1-14

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that the kingdom of God is like a king who gives a great feast for his son's wedding. He has sent out the invitations, but those he invited to the feast aren't interested. They don't show up. They make excuses and avoid committing themselves.

The king is furious and tells his servants that those he invited have shown themselves unworthy of the banquet. Instead, the servants are to go out onto the roads and streets and invite absolutely everyone they can find. There is no need for personal invitations. Everyone is welcome. Before long, the wedding hall is full.

In the parable, the king represents God. The great feast is a traditional Jewish image of God's kingdom. We see this in today's first reading from Isaiah. Matthew is telling the story of God's involvement with God's people, and how this is played out in the life of Jesus.

Matthew knows the end of the story. He has seen how Jesus was rejected by the people of Israel, for whom he came, just as they had rejected the prophets before him. They have rejected God's invitation over and over again, and so the Good News is now preached to the Gentiles. God is opening the gates of the kingdom to everyone everywhere.

God is a gracious host who hopes that everyone will come to his feast. It doesn't matter who we are or where we come from. All that is asked of us is that we respond wholeheartedly to this invitation by doing our best to live in tune with the values of God's kingdom. ■

REFLECT

Several years ago, an American woman called Tamara Fowler was due to get married. Two hundred guests were invited. But then, a few weeks before the big day, Tamara decided to break off her engagement. Her parents were heartbroken. They had been looking forward to the wedding and had spent thousands of dollars planning a dinner reception at a top restaurant.

Her father thought about the situation, talked it over with his wife, and prayed about it one night before going to bed. The next morning, he later said, he knew what they had to do. They decided to go ahead with the wedding dinner as planned – but not with the original guest list. Instead, they invited a different group: 200 homeless men, women and children. The family contacted a local homeless charity. The woman who picked up the phone later said she was so shocked, she thought it was a prank call. The Fowlers explained what they wanted to do and that they especially wanted to help children.

And so, on the day the wedding was due to take place, buses brought dozens of needy people to one of Atlanta's top wedding venues. Children had space outside to play. Face painters and jugglers were hired to entertain them.

The children, it transpired, had to be shown how to eat hors d'oeuvres, how to use the right cutlery. They weren't used to fine china. At evening's end, the caterer was amazed. For the first time, she said, at the end of a big wedding there were no leftovers. Every plate was clean. Those special guests were fed, but they received more than a great meal that day – they received love. They felt included. They hadn't been forgotten.

That meal was a foretaste of the kingdom of heaven, an image of the heavenly feast. Pope Francis often described the church as a big tent and not a small chapel that holds only a few. He repeatedly stressed the importance of welcome and inclusion. Inclusion reflects God's mercy, he said, and God's mercy embraces everyone. Christians must mirror God's mercy by

DO

Think of your attitude to the stranger, the newcomer, the one who is different. How welcoming are you?

SAY

'Lord, help me to live in such a way that I will be able to feast at your heavenly banquet for ever. Amen.'

PRAY

Pray for those who have rejected God's invitation to his wedding feast. Pray that you will respond more fully to God's invitation.

LEARN

This is Prisoners' Sunday. We pray for prisoners and their families. We remember especially prisoners of conscience and political prisoners, those brave people made to suffer for their beliefs and moral courage.

opening our hearts to others without judging or excluding anyone based on status, race, ability, or background. Inclusion, he emphasised, must go beyond rhetoric and be reflected in daily life. It should create a 'culture of social tenderness.'

Days after his election, Pope Leo said the same: 'We must be a church with open arms for everyone, open to all who need our presence, dialogue, love.'

As they sat in that hotel eating great food off of fine china, those homeless people must have said to themselves, 'I wish it could be like this all the time.' Of course, it couldn't. But they had been given a glimpse of how things could be, of how things should be.

To be Christian is to welcome and include. It's the opposite of them and us. Our challenge is to live in such a way as to make God's presence real and tangible, by creating homes, families, communities, and parishes that are welcoming and loving, so that ours will be a church of which it can be said: 'Here comes everybody.' ■