

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
*To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

COLLECT
Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.
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 45:1, 4-6
A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.
Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:

'For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.'
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 96(95):1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10a, c, R.7b
R: Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

- O sing a new song to the LORD;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**
- For the LORD is great and highly to be praised,
to be feared above all gods.
For the gods of the nations are naught.
It was the LORD who made the heavens. **R.**
- Ascribe to the LORD, you families of peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and power;
ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**
- Worship the LORD in holy splendour.
O tremble before him, all the earth.
Say to the nations, 'The LORD is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians.
Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in
God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace.
We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly
mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our
God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and
steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know,
brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you,
because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in
power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Philippians 2:15d, 16a
R: Alleluia, alleluia.
Shine as lights in the world,
holding fast to the word of life.
R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-21
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle
Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along
with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are true
and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about
anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell
us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or
not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why put me to
the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.' And
they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, 'Whose
likeness and inscription is this?' They said, 'Caesar's.' Then he
said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are
Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
Grant us, Lord, we pray,
a sincere respect for your gifts,
that, through the purifying action of your grace,
we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
*Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.*
Or
*The Son of Man has come
to give his life as a ransom for many.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things,
we may be helped by what you give in this present age
and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday Message

THE WORD



Today's Gospel has drawn conflicting interpretations throughout Christian history, especially when it has been invoked for guidance on relations between church and state.

'Rendering to Caesar' has sometimes been taken to mean that Christians should keep religion and politics strictly separate. But this isn't the point of this story. To understand it properly, we need to bear in mind that the heart of Jesus' preaching was that the kingdom of God is at hand.

That kingdom is not a place, but a call to submit every aspect of our lives to God's kingly rule. Until God's rule is fully realised, we live in provisional times. We live, for example, in a political world whose values often fall short of the values of God's kingdom and can even be directly opposed to them. 'Rendering to God the things that are God's' acknowledges that God has an interest in the human world, including the world of finance and politics, especially when it concerns itself with moral issues. To be a disciple of Jesus means that all other values, including our political allegiances, must always be weighed against Jesus' values.

As Christians, we know that everything we have comes from God. All is gift. We depend on God at every moment of every day. We must live in such a way that we do not allow money or material things to supersede our relationship with God and our commitment to God's kingdom. ■

REFLECT

In the 1960s, my aunt was one of a group of Irish Presentation sisters who established a new foundation in the United States. A bishop in Utah wanted to bring some teaching sisters to his diocese, and he came to Ireland in search of them. The Presentation Sisters in Co Tipperary answered his plea. They opened a parochial school in Salt Lake City. Utah was a strongly Mormon state, and most of the pupils were members of that religion. The sisters did not see their role as proselytising. They saw themselves as witnesses who would point to Jesus by the example of their lives.

It worked. These nuns made a big impact on all who encountered them. It was easy to see that they loved teaching and loved their pupils. They made no distinctions between Catholic pupils and others.

Several years ago, my aunt, Sr Josephine, died, and shortly afterwards, the principal of her school in Salt Lake City received an email. This is what it said:

'Many years ago, I attended your school for just one year, after spending three years in the public school system. That one year was the most important in my education. I learned how to read that year, and I learned self-respect and respect for others. I learned about God. I am forever grateful to the nuns and teachers there. I attended Fifth Grade in 1972. Sr Josephine was my teacher. I just want to state how grateful I am to her and how much she meant to me and how I still hold her in my heart.

Twenty-four years after I attended your school, I converted to Catholicism. My two daughters are Catholic and attending

DO
Speak to somebody about your faith. Explain why it's important to you.

SAY
'Lord, help me to be an effective witness to you today and every day. Amen.'

PRAY
Remember those missionaries who travelled to every corner of the world to proclaim the Good News. Thank God for them. Remember all those who instructed you in the faith. Thank God for their witness.



LEARN
Being a missionary has nothing to do with being a priest or religious or with leaving home to preach the Gospel. The church is missionary by its very nature, and all of us by virtue of our baptism are called to be missionaries. All we have to do is to witness to the love of God by the way we live our lives.

Catholic school. At your school, a seed was planted, and I find that the gifts from that seed are plentiful and richly rewarding...'

My aunt had no idea of the impact she made on that young pupil, but I am not surprised. That was the kind of person she was. Even without explicitly stating it, she was a missionary. Even without preaching about the Gospel, she lived the Gospel. In everything, she radiated love.

This Mission Sunday is a reminder that we are all called to be missionaries. We don't have to join the priesthood or religious life to be missionaries. We don't have to give up our work, home or family. We don't have to move to a far distant country. All we have to do is to witness to our Christian calling as best we can. Imagine how different our world would be if everybody lived like that. ■

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Masses for all three churches from Saturday 17th October to Sunday 25th October 2026

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
21 Wednesday	10am SM	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Elizabeth & Relatives
22 Thursday	9.30am JW	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
22 Thursday	10am JW	St John Paul II, Pope	Mimi Gabela RIP
23 Friday	10am SH	St John of Capistrano, Priest	Nora Shovlin RIP
24 Saturday	6pm JW	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
25 Sunday	9am SH	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Pat & Francis Buckley 59 th Anniversary
25 Sunday	11am SM	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	John Griffin 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	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
Sanctuary Lamp intention request slips are available in church with envelopes and from the parish website. Please use these slips, or email, and add RIP if the person is deceased. Many thanks.		

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 Kizhakkarakkattu: 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 at St Helen’s Church on a Wednesday at 2pm.

Prayer Group meeting every Thursday in St. Joseph’s Church Hall, Worksop 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 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

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 £621.90. The **Second Collection** for **Prisoners’ Sunday** raised **£161.42**. This week’s **Second collection** is for **Missio Sunday**. Many thanks for all your kindness and generosity.

We would like to send our congratulations to **Michael Jahmal Ishaq Rowe** who is being received into the Catholic Church and receiving the three sacraments of initiation.

Please note the Parish Office will be closed until 9am Tuesday 27th October 2026.

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.

The **Holy Family School** is holding a **Table Top Sale** to help raise funds for the school. If anyone in the Parish is interested in either attending or having a table at the event on **Friday 6th November from 2.45pm to 4pm**. To book at table or for more information please email hfpta@hfcps.co.uk

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

The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst is preparing three opportunities for people to deepen their faith and prepare for an important new chapter in life: **Retreat: Be Still and Know that I am God – 20-23 November; Marriage Preparation Weekend – 8-10 January 2027 and Men’s Retreat: Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius – 26 Feb-3 March 2027 or 5-10 March 2027**. If you would like more information, please contact the Parish Office.