St. Jude's Parish, Worksop-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 31st October to Sunday 8th November 2026

31 Saturday	**6pm JW**	**All Saints**	In thanksgiving for recovery of health
01 Sunday	**9am SH**	**All Saints**	People of the Parish
01 Sunday	**11am SM**	**All Saints**	Trevor Perry RIP
02 Monday	**10am JW**	**All Souls**	Mary Hodges RIP
04 Wednesday	**12.30pm SM**	**Funeral Mass for Mary Coney RIP**	
05 Thursday	**10am SM**	**Funeral Service for Michael Gallagher RIP**	
06 Friday	**10am SH**	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
07 Saturday	**6pm JW**	**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**	Karol Cieslak RIP (birthday)
08 Sunday	**9am SH**	**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**	People of the Parish
08 Sunday	**11am SM**	**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**	Reg Hughes RIP, Tony Manfredi RIP, Teresa Corley 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	Mary W RIP	Maria Romano
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, 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 – November – For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of common good and solidarity of those who have less

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 **£619.65**. Many thanks for all your kindness and generosity.

The funeral of **Mary Coney RIP** will be held on **04.11.26 at St Mary's Church at 12.30pm** with committal at Retford Road cemetery. The funeral of Michael Gallagher RIP will be held on **05.11.26 at St Mary's Church at 10am** with committal at Hannah Park Cemetery. May they rest in peace. Please also pray for all who have died recently, for people grieving and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

There will be a **Memorial Mass** held at **St Mary's Church on 15.11.2026 at 11am** to remember all those who have passed away in 2026.

There will be a **Thanksgiving Mass** for **Sr Elizabeth** on **22.11.2026 at 11am at St Mary's**. Please sign at the back of the church if you would like to stay for refreshments after Mass.

Parking at St Mary's - could all parishioners please ensure when parking for Mass they do not block other church goers. If you are able, please park in the area to the rear of the church buildings. Thank you for your consideration.

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

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. We have received £5313 in donations to date – the cost of the painting of the church was £3895 and the cost of the new toilet will be £4104. We would like to thank all of you who have so generously donated.

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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,
at whose festival the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
by whose gift we venerate in one celebration
the merits of all the Saints,
bestow on us, we pray,
through the prayers of so many intercessors,
an abundance of the reconciliation with you
for which we earnestly long.
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 Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

A reading from the Book of the Revelation.

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. R. cf. 6

R: *Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.*

1. The LORD's is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm. R.

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the LORD?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things. R.

3. Blessings from the LORD shall he receive,
and right reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. R.

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the First Letter of Saint John.

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Matthew 11:28

R: *Alleluia, alleluia.*
Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest.
R: *Alleluia.*

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May these offerings we bring in honour of all the Saints
be pleasing to you, O Lord,
and grant that, just as we believe the Saints
to be already assured of immortality,
so we may experience their concern for our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy
and wonderful in all your Saints,
we implore your grace,
so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your love,
we may pass from this pilgrim table
to the banquet of our heavenly homeland.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Sunday Message

ALL SAINTS SOLEMNITY



When we think of saints, we usually think of clergy and religious who have been officially canonised by the church. Their lives were carefully scrutinised, their writings and actions thoroughly investigated, to ensure their heroic virtues.

The title of saint or blessed is accorded only to those outstanding in sanctity – mystics, martyrs, missionaries, pastors and founders of religious orders. It seems out of reach of the rest of us.

But in his letter on holiness, Gaudete et Exsultate, Pope Francis challenged this way of thinking. 'To be holy,' he said, 'does not require being a bishop, a priest or a religious.' We do not have to be 'swooning in mystic rapture' or walking around with 'lowered eyes' to be a saint. Sanctity isn't just for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer. We are all 'called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves.'

The Holy Father emphasised that the call to holiness comes with our baptism and that 'in the church, holy yet made up of sinners, you will find everything you need to grow towards holiness.'

Therefore, when we think of holiness, we should not 'think only of those already beatified and canonised.' Nor should we grow discouraged by examples of holiness that appear unattainable. 'The important thing' he said, 'is that each believer discerns his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts, rather than hopelessly trying to imitate something not meant for them. We are all called to be witnesses, but there are many actual ways of bearing witness.'

Today's feast honours the multitude of ordinary saints, those described by Pope Francis as 'the saints next door' who will never be formally canonised. All of us are called to be saints. ■

LEARN

Saints surround us. Think of the good people you have known, exemplars of love, justice, compassion, forgiveness, and Godliness. Perhaps your parents, a family member, a neighbour, a teacher, a friend, or a work colleague.
A saint makes time for another even when time is short.
A saint sees those on the margins, those with empty stomachs, those without a home.
A saint treats everybody the same, no matter who they are or where they come from.
A saint is honest and just in all her dealings and relationships.
A saint never discriminates based on gender, skin colour, sexuality, or postcode.
A saint is slow to judge, rich in mercy.
A saint fosters reconciliation, seeks to forgive and be forgiven.
A saint comforts, soothes, and stands in solidarity with those who suffer.
A saint speaks good news.
A saint trusts in God at all times.
A saint knows that love is always the answer.
To be a saint is to 'bear witness' to God in all that we do. It is to live the Sermon on the Mount.

PRAY

Remember your deceased loved ones today. Pray that they may be counted among the communion of saints.

DO

Visit the grave(s) of your beloved dead this week. Ask the Lord to take them to himself.

REFLECT

In Gaudete et Exsultate, Pope Francis described the beatitudes of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel as the key to sainthood. The beatitudes are 'the Christian's identity card.' Our identity card. Nowadays, our purses and wallets are full of cards – driving licences, social security cards, bank cards, travel passes, club cards of various kinds. We carry lots of cards, but the most important one is not in our purse or wallet. It is in our hearts, shown in our actions, showcased in our daily living.

Writes Pope Francis: 'Jesus explained with great simplicity what it means to be holy when he gave us the beatitudes,' which are 'the Christian's identity card.' 'If anyone asks: what must one do to be a good Christian?' then 'the answer is clear. We have to do, each in our own way, what Jesus told us in the Sermon on the Mount.'

We gain true happiness by aligning our wills with the will of God, as expressed in the beatitudes. In living like this, we become saints.

Not only are we called to be holy, he continues, we are also surrounded by people who are holy. 'I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God's people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile… Very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbours, those who, living in our midst, reflect God's presence.'

I try to think of the beatitudes as my identity card. When people see me, encounter me, do they see a saint? Am I carrying a Christian identity card? ■

SAY

'Lord, help me to witness to you by living your way. Help me to become the saint next door. Amen.'

