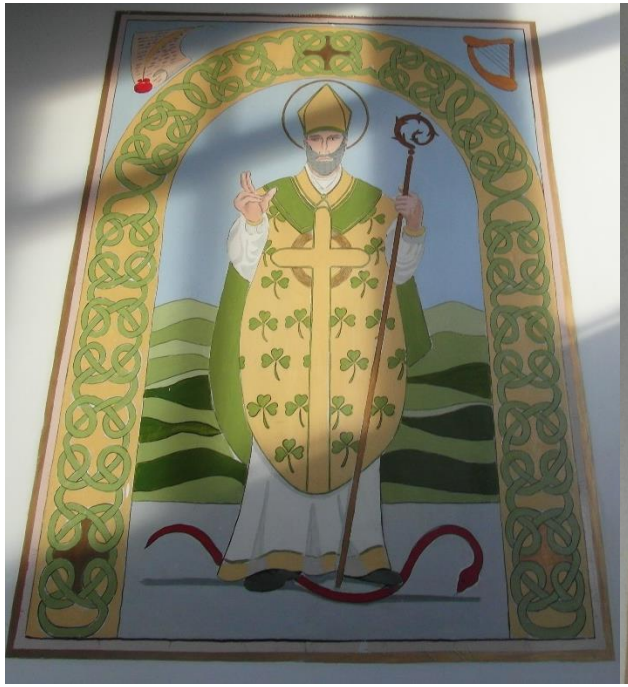
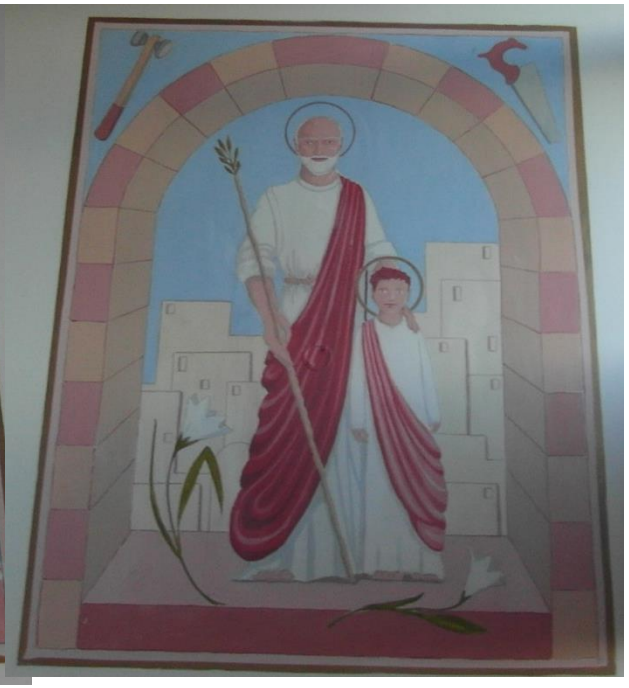
All Saints Week





What do you know about October 31st?

What is Halloween?

- What we think of now as Halloween, with costumes, sweets, ghosts and tricks isn't really how it all started.
- Why might Christians not celebrate Halloween?
- Many Christians do not 'celebrate' Halloween as it concentrates on the nasty, gory elements
- However....it wasn't always like this.

Halloween
is really spelt
Hallowe'en

It used to be
All Hallows Evening
All Hallows Even

All Hallows Evening
All Hallows Eve

This is October 31st. The day before All Hallows Day (Also known as All Saints Day)

The word Hallows means honour as holy.

The River Ganges is hallowed as sacred.
Our Father, full of Grace, Hallowed be thy name

On All Hallows Eve, Christians often hold a vigil (a service during the night before a Sunday or Feast Day) for worshippers to prepare themselves with prayers and fasting before the feast of All Saints Day.

Pope Boniface IV first created a church in Rome to celebrate St. Mary and those people who had died following Jesus. It used to be on 13th May. It became All Saints day to honour all those saints that didn't have a feast day of their own.

About 100 years later, Pope Gregory III dedicated a chapel to all the saints. Then Pope Gregory IV made it a universal holy day (holiday) on the 1st November. In some parts of the world it is still celebrated in May.

All Saints Day - A Day of Obligation (a day we are expected to go to church)

All Hallows Eve - October 31st

All Hallows Day - All Saints Day 1st November

Why are saints important?

- The word saint comes from a Latin word 'sanctus' meaning holy.
- A saint is someone who led a exemplary (excellent, deserving) holy life dedicated to Jesus.
- A person is 'canonised' to officially become a saint. The Pope and the Catholic church choose them.
- There are more than 10,000 saints.
- Saints are spiritual guides and examples of faith. They are in Heaven.
- Christian prayer to saints to help them (intercede)
- Each saint is important for different reasons

St Francis

We are in the Diocese of Hallam

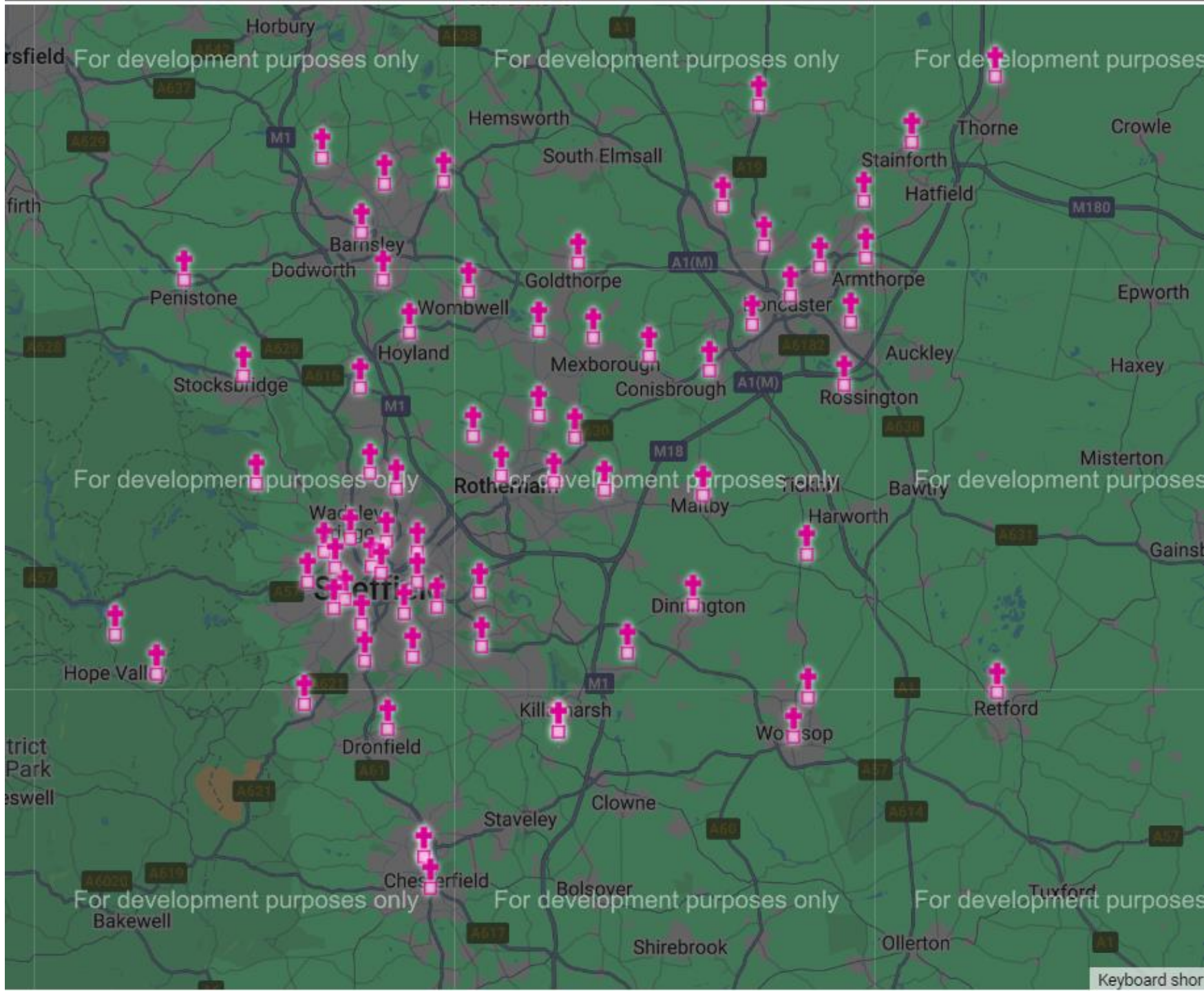
There are 47 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Hallam

We are spread out in Sheffield, Rotherham, Doncaster, Chesterfield, Barnsley and Nottinghamshire.

23 schools are in the St. Clare's Catholic Multi-Academy Trust. This is our sister Trust.

24 schools will be in the St. Francis Catholic Multi-Academy Trust.

We are in St. Francis.



Saint Francis of Assisi

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Saint Francis is one of the patron saints of Italy and is a very popular saint in the Catholic Church. He was particularly well known for his love of animals and nature.

Saint Francis of Assisi

Saint Francis was born in 1181 in Assisi, Italy. His parents named him Francesco di Pietro di Bernardone.

His father Pietro, was a wealthy merchant who sold cloth and it is believed that his mother, Pica may have been French.

Francis went to school where he learned languages like French and Latin. After school, he decided to pursue a career in the military.

Saint Francis of Assisi

In 1202, Francis took part in a war and was taken prisoner during the battle of Ponte San Giovanni for a year.

In 1205, Francis had a vision before returning back to war. The vision told him to return to Assisi and wait for a call to a live a new kind of life.

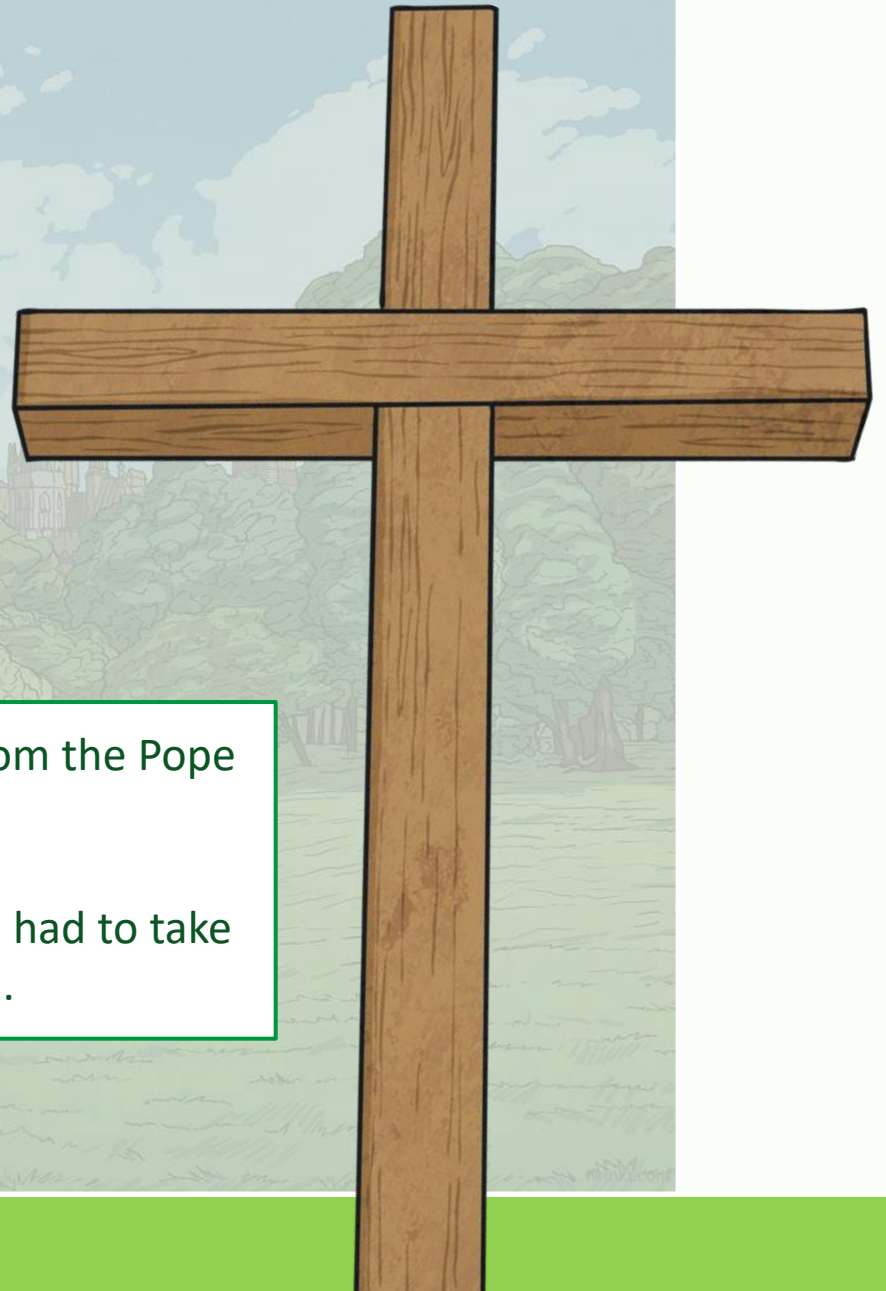
Francis went back to Assisi and prayed, spending much time by himself.

Eventually, Francis was inspired to give up all his worldly possessions in order to live a more simple, uncomplicated life and become closer to God.

Saint Francis of Assisi

Francis began to preach and teach people about Christianity.
He began to attract followers and inspired people to live a life like his.
His followers were asked to live by a simple rule: To follow the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ and to walk in his footsteps.

In April 1209, Francis received a special blessing from the Pope to continue his work.
He then founded the Franciscan order.
In order to become a member of the order, people had to take religious vows which were special promises to God.

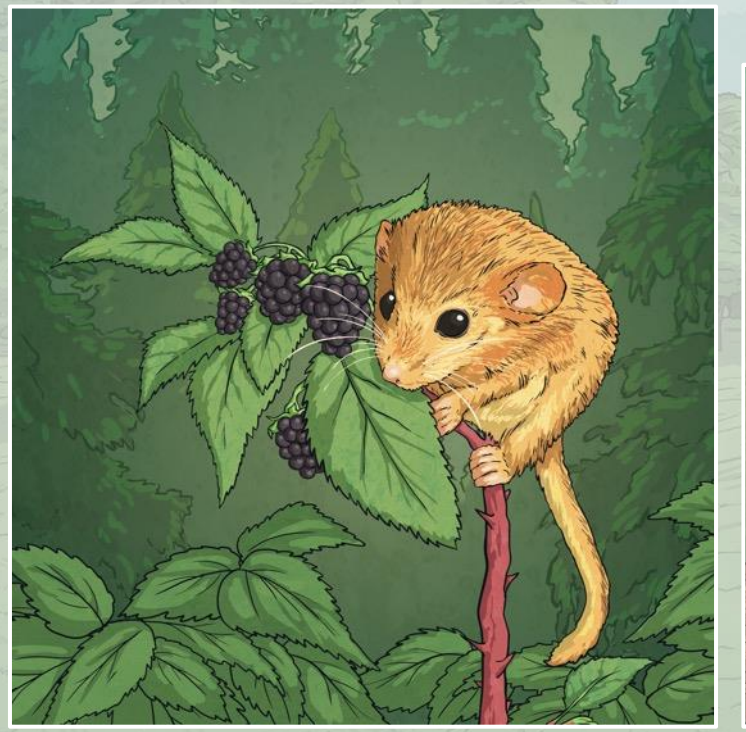


Saint Francis of Assisi

Francis had a special love for nature and animals. He believed that nature was the mirror of God on earth.

There are many stories about him speaking to animals.

For this reason, he is known as the patron saint for animals and the environment.



Saint Francis of Assisi

Francis died in Assisi on October 3, 1226.

He was then canonized on July 16, 1228 and became known as Saint Francis of Assisi.

We celebrate his feast day on October 4th every year.

On his feast day, many churches have a ceremony for people to bring their pets and working animals to church

St. Jude

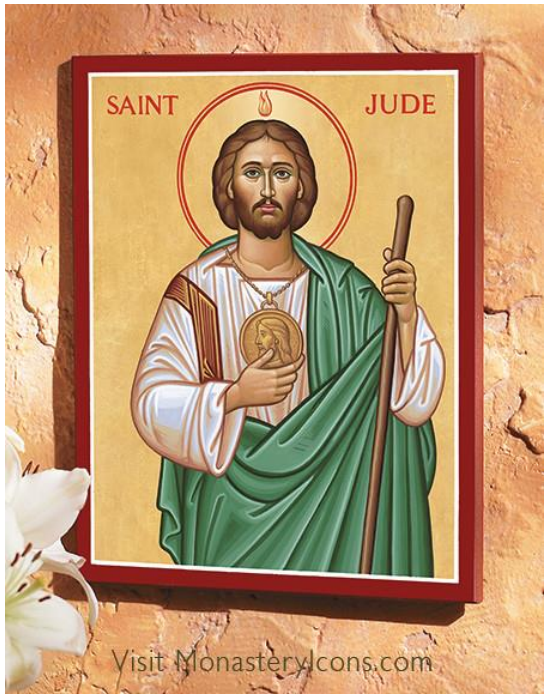
In Nottinghamshire, we have joined together three churches:

St. Helen's - Oldcotes
St. Joseph's the Worker
St. Mary's - Worksop

Together we are the Parish of St. Jude

We are also joined with St. Patrick's school in Bircotes

St. Jude



St. Jude was one of the Twelve Apostles that were appointed by Jesus to lead his church.

In the Bible, St. Jude is sometimes called Thaddeus or Jude Thaddeus.

The Letter from St. Jude in the Bible is often believed to be written by him.

He preached the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Syria, Mesopotamia, Libya, Beirut and Edessa.

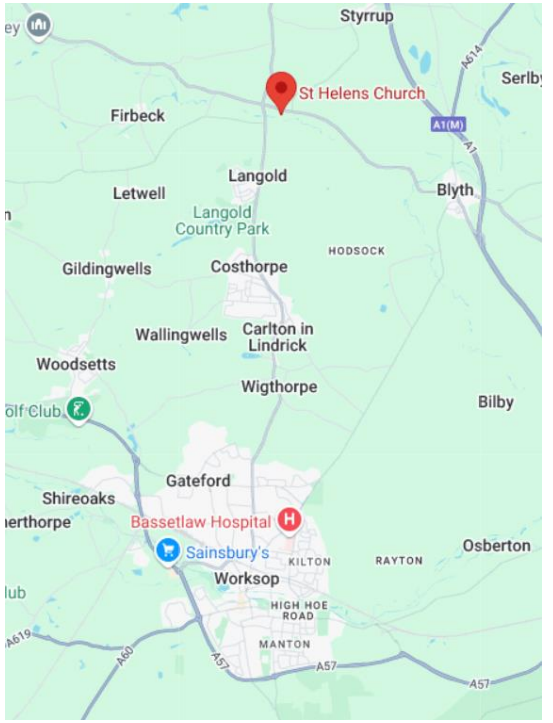
October 28th is often used as the feast day of Saints Simon and Jude.

People often prayer to Saint Jude for hope when they are faced with impossible situations.

St. Helen

In the Parish of St. Jude's, there is a church called St. Helen's.

It is in Oldcotes, about 20 minutes drive away.



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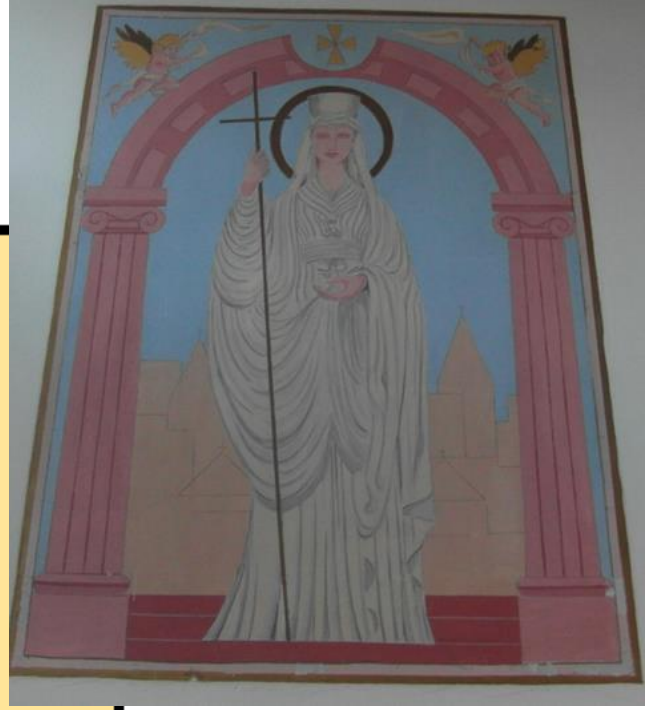
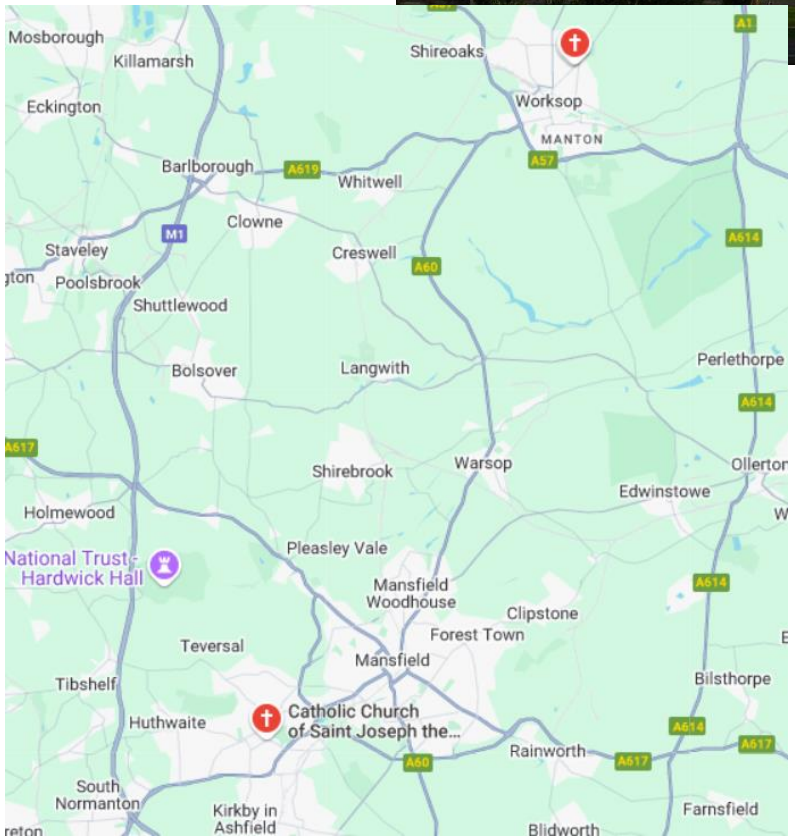


She was the mother of Roman Emperor Constantine. Her feast day is August 18th. She is the patron saint of new discoveries.

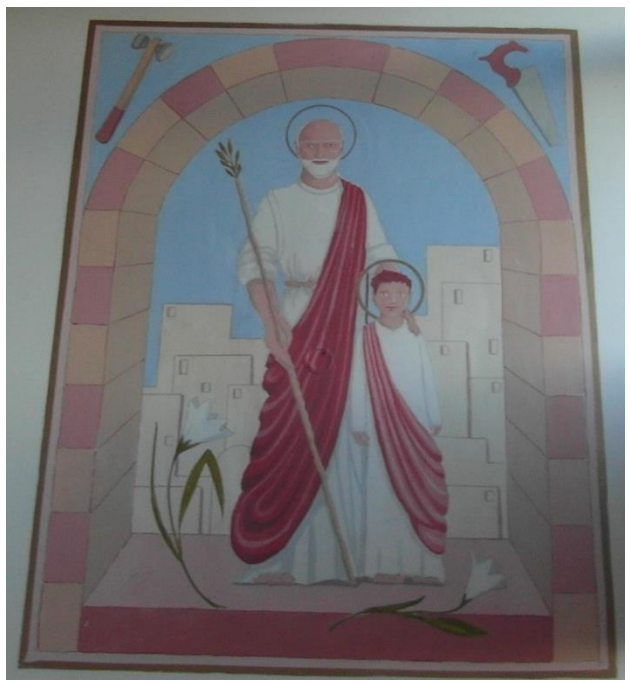
St. Joseph

- In the Parish of St. Jude's, there is a church called St. Joseph the Worker.
- It takes about 8 minutes to drive there.
- St. Joseph was a carpenter
- This is where our children make their First Holy Communion



Saint Joseph

He was Jesus' Earthly father. He is the patron saint of families, travellers and immigrants. His feast day is May 1st.



St. Mary

SAINT MARY'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Clinton St
MANTON
Netherton Rd
Cavendish Rd
Outwood
Academy Portland
Holy Family RC
Primary School
A57

Saint Mary

Mary is the blessed virgin mother of Jesus. Her feast day is January 1st. She is the patron saint of all, especially children.

St. Patrick

- This church is no longer there but some of the things in our Chapel came from this church.

- There is a school there that is part of our Trust.

Saint Patrick

He introduced Christianity to Ireland. His feast day is March 17th. He is the patron saint of engineers and protection.

Why do we have house teams?

We are one family. We join with the churches and schools around us.

We prayer to our saints when we need help.

We use house teams as mini-families within our school

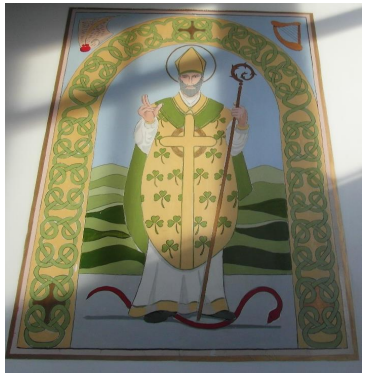
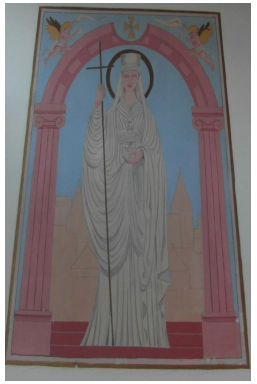
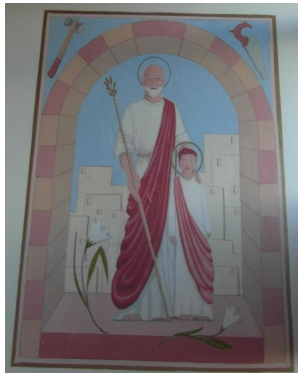
Each house has a house captain.

Each House has a house vice captain.

When we earn Mission Point by following our school values, we earn them for ourself, our house team and our whole school

House teams help us celebrate in smaller groups and to take part in competitions.

We earn coloured ribbons each half term for the house team trophy.

On Wednesday, to celebrate All Saints Week, we are celebrating all our house teams.

Our Motto is Holy Family: Together in Love