

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 6th December 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

Year B



REOPENING OF OUR CHURCH FOR HOLY MASS

“Every day is like Sunday.” The Bishops have not yet reinstated the Sunday obligation to attend Mass, so please wherever possible try to attend Mass once during a week. Of course, those who have any concerns at all about coming in to the Church or being out too often, should continue to stay safely at home. On weekdays register your presence to the steward and use the QR code for the NHS Track & Trace App. For Sunday Mass, in addition to registering on-line please also use the QR code if you have the App. The tier regulations which is particularly relevant to being in Church is that we should not socialise within the Church building with anyone outside our own household or social bubble, and socializing outside the Church. Thank you for your help in these matters.

All through this period, it has been vital to have those who have volunteered to Steward at Masses and times when the Church have been open for private prayer. Many thanks to those who continue to do this and if you feel you could offer some help in the coming weeks and months, please be in touch with Jo Woodhead.

MASSES AND SERVICES DURING THE COMING WEEK

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| Sun 6 th Dec | 9.30 am MASS | Second Sunday of Advent YEAR B | Julie Ann Brennan [LD] Hilda Samuel | GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH MASS at home 5.00pm |
| Mon 7 th Dec | Fr John | St Ambrose | Edna Jones | MASS at home 10.30am |
| Tues 8 th Dec | 12.00 Prayer Via Zoom @ Noon | Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary | | VIA ZOOM |
| Wed 9 th Dec | 12.00 NOON MASS | St John Diego Cuahtlatotzin | Full Recovery | GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH |
| Thur 10 th Dec | Fr John | Our Lady of Loreto | Kathleen Graham | MASS at home 10.30am |
| Fri 11 th Dec | Fr John | St Damasus 1 st | Thomas English | MASS at home 10.30am |
| Sat 12 th Dec | 10.00 am MASS | Our Lady of Guadalupe | November Dead List 2020 | GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH |
| Sun 13 th Dec | 9.30 am MASS Fr John | Third Sunday of Advent YEAR B | Maureen Lyons [LD] Joan Harwood | GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH MASS at home 5.00pm |

SUNDAY MASS ARRANGEMENTS

Public Mass from Sunday 6 December 9.30 am

MUST BOOK ONLINE as before the lockdown. It would be helpful, if you were able to make bookings at least 48 hours in advance. When booking for Mass; note that bookings end 24 hours before the time of Mass (you will receive email confirmation of your booking). Many thanks for your help and understanding. If you have booked a ticket for Mass and subsequently find that you are unable to attend the Mass, please return it via the booking system so that someone else can attend Holy Mass. Please remember, if your health is not good and you are vulnerable, if you have a cough or cold or temperature you should stay at home.

WEEKDAY MASS ARRANGEMENTS

Wednesday 9th Dec Mass 12.00 – no need to book online

Saturday 12th Dec Mass 10.00am – no need to book online

Please note that once Mass starts please do not enter the church.

LOOKING FORWARD

Our thoughts are turning to Christmas. With that in mind the bishop has asked us to remind ourselves that Christmas is an octave – eight days – and that Masses celebrated between Christmas Day and New Year's Day are all Christmas Masses. The restrictions for us are similar to those before the lockdown, therefore we should arrange to come to Holy Mass sometime during the octave to celebrate Christmas. At the moment there are many unknowns, please continue to visit our parish website for the latest news.

PRINCIPAL MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS 2020

9.30am Friday 25th Dec **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD** (CHRISTMAS)
MUST BOOK ONLINE

10.00am Saturday 26th Dec **ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR** FEAST
(CHRISTMAS) **MUST BOOK ONLINE**

9.30am Sunday 27th Dec **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**
FEAST (CHRISTMAS) **MUST BOOK ONLINE**

12.00noon Wednesday 30th Dec **SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE**
NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Please understand that if you arrive at the last minute you may find that all 30 places have been taken and you will need to make other arrangements.

ADVENT: PREPARE THE WAY! : For Advent 2020 we invite you to Prepare the Way for the coming of Christ with Gospel readings and reflections for each day. These will also be posted on the Youth Service social media pages each day:
<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/youth/meet-the-team/>

ADVENT SERVICE

'He Comes; He is Revealed'. **Sat 12th December at 4pm** (on Zoom) Growing Old Grace-fully invites you to join a short reflective Advent Service, with readings, hymns, reflections and recordings from our Diocesan choirs. **To book** please go to www.growingoldgracefully.org.uk and see the link on the home page.

CAFOD CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This is held every Sunday at 10.00am: An invitation to young families: with gospel stories, fun songs and craft activities for all. To register for the LIVE and recorded Children's Liturgy click here <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

CAFOD 'JOURNEY TO THE MANGER' PRAYER SERIES

An invitation for students, house mates, parents, teachers, family and friends to take a moment to pause and reflect in the lead up to Christmas. Every Sunday at 6pm throughout Advent, join for a 20-minute prayer session. To register for the prayer series click here https://www.bigmarker.com/series/advent/series_summit

ONLINE ADVENT SYCAMORE COURSE:

Monday evenings in Advent (from 7-8.30 pm), the Vicariate for Education will be running a short "Sycamore" course via Zoom.

Sycamore offers adults a chance to discover and grow in faith through relaxed discussion, based around attractive videos (see www.sycamore.fm).

Catechists interested in running Sycamore in their own parishes may also benefit from attending. For more information and an invitation email: gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

SYCAMORE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:

The Leeds Diocesan Youth Service are delighted to invite you to Sycamore, an online series of short films and discussions for young people aged 13-17 exploring the Catholic faith and what it means for us today.

The sessions will be taking place on Wednesday from 4:30pm-6pm on Zoom.

For more information/to register, please email youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

GOOD SHEPHERD ADVENT TALKS AND REFLECTION

Via Zoom

As We Wait in Joyful Hope

Advent explorations to enable us all to reflect upon how we see can prepare for Christmas.

Two remaining Thursday evening sessions: @ 7.30 – 8.30pm

Doors opens at 7.15 - No entry after 7.30pm

Thursday 10th Dec 2020

RECEIVING GIFTS: EMMANUEL

Speaker: Jean Marsh

God gives the ultimate gift to us – his son.

How do we experience this?

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87592974223?pwd=V2plOWY2ckZFZ1p1RC80TlRTUzJRZz09>

Meeting ID: 875 9297 4223

Passcode: 625309

Thursday 17th Dec 2020

BRINGING IN THE NEW: CHANGING OUR LANDSCAPES

Speaker: Gez Hodgson

Make a straight path for the Lord – how do we create a new world?

Being new sculptures for the Lord - our role as co-creators.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83323271135?pwd=UFZuZE9YalhCSWpWSXJwMXpYTUxjZz09>

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WEEKLY PRAYER GATHERING VIA ZOOM



Our prayer time last week took the form of reflections on the “O” Antiphons traditionally used in Advent.
Cathy and John Duffy led us through the first of these – Wisdom.

Future guides for this Prayer Slot Thank you to those who have been willing to prepare a session. It can be a simple thought with time to dwell. It can be a case of “less is more”. Please consider whether you can offer your service to this very important ministry at this time..

GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY - STAYING CONNECTED
OUR 25TH ZOOM PRAYER NEXT TUESDAY

TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER @ 12.00 NOON.

CATHY AND JOHN DUFFY WILL LEAD US IN OUR 2ND
ADVENT MEDITATION ON THE “O” ANTIPHONS

ALL ARE WELCOME

If you are interested in taking part in this initiative please express your interest and send your email address to: gezhodgson@hotmail.co.uk or go to the **Good Shepherd Facebook** page and **click on the link of the invitation which comes every Monday via email.**

GIVING TO THE PARISH

We have had recent requests to set up arrangements for direct payments to the Good Shepherd bank account. If you wish to set up a standing order the parish bank account details are:

GOOD SHEPHERD MYTHOLMROYD
SORT CODE 40-27-15 / ACCOUNT NO 21023209

Note from editor:

Thank you to those contributors to this newsletter through articles, suggestions and links. Please continue to do so.

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