

# The Good Shepherd

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**Sunday 21 February 2021**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

## **MASSES DURING THE WEEK**

Readings and Mass texts can be found at:  
[www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

<b>Sunday</b> <b>21 Feb</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>MASS</b>  Fr John	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>Gez Hodgson [LD]</b>  Private Intention	<b>GOOD SHEPHERD</b> <b>CHURCH</b>  Mass at home 5.00pm
Mon 22 Feb	Fr John	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Private Intention	Mass at home 10.30am
Tues 23 Feb		Weekday in Ordinary Time	Private Intention	Mass at home 10.30am
<b>Wed</b> <b>24 Feb</b>	<b>12.00</b> <b>NOON</b> <b>MASS</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>	<b>November Dead List 2021</b>	<b>GOOD SHEPHERD</b> <b>CHURCH</b>
Thur 25 Feb	Fr John	Weekday of Lent	Private Intention	Mass at home 10.30am
Fri 26 Feb	Fr John	Weekday of Lent	Private Intention	Mass at home 10.30am
<b>Sat</b> <b>27 Feb</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> <b>MASS</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>	<b>November Dead List 2021</b>	<b>GOOD SHEPHERD</b> <b>CHURCH</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>28 Feb</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>MASS</b>  Fr John	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>Missa pro populo</b>  Private Intention	<b>GOOD SHEPHERD</b> <b>CHURCH</b>  Mass at home 5.00pm

## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

Please submit notices (by Wednesday 8pm) - to Fr Larkin by email at  
[pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**MANY THANKS** to all those in the parish who, in true Good Shepherd fashion, rallied round to give Gez the best possible funeral in the current circumstances; to Fr Larkin for all his assistance, to the cleaners before and after, the flower arrangers, sound technician, COVID marshals, and I'm sure others too. You may be interested to know that the livestream was viewed at over 200 IP addresses including a friend currently serving in Syria, family in Dubai and friends in Hungary and Italy. Others caught up with the recording. The overwhelming number of cards, messages and Mass offerings is much appreciated. Please continue to keep all the family in your prayers. Nick Burchnall.

**LENTEN LESSONS ON THE MASS** Relevant Radio® has been helping people bridge the gap between faith and everyday life through informative, entertaining, and interactive programming twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week. Please visit The Relevant Radio network <https://relevantradio.com/2021/02/missing-mass-more-than-ever/>

**ONLINE LENT COURSE** Beginning on Monday 22 February 2021, each Monday in Lent between 7-00pm and 8-00pm there will be a Diocesan Lent Course: God With Us: Exploring the Old Testament Together, led by Fr Tim Swinglehurst on Zoom. We hope that you might be interested in attending. Please find a full timetable of meetings and topics, below. For more details and Zoom invitations, email - Dr Gregory Stacey, BA MSt DPhil (Oxon) [gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**Monday 22 February** Genesis and the Wonders of Creation

**Monday 01 March** Moses and the Encounter with the Living God

**Monday 08 March** King David: Saint and Sinner

**Monday 15 March** Isaiah and the Prophetic Word Fire

**Monday 22 March** The Psalmist: Songs of Wisdom, Songs of Praise

**ONLINE WEEKS OF GUIDED PRAYER** The Briery is offering two weeks of online guided prayer between 8 and 19 March 2021. The first week consists of online meetings 7-30pm to 8-30pm covering introductions and different ways of praying. The second week includes a commitment to daily prayer time and individual online meeting with prayer guide (30mins each). The suggested offering to take part is £50. For further information go to: [www.briery.org.uk](http://www.briery.org.uk), 01943 607287 or [briery@btconnect.com](mailto:briery@btconnect.com) .

**CAFOD** This Lent, CAFOD invites you to join the Big Walk virtual event. Help give the boot to water poverty across the world by walking a 5-mile route on Saturday 20 February at 2pm. Donate online at [CAFOD.org.uk/give](http://CAFOD.org.uk/give) or Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10. If do not wish to receive marketing, Text LENTNOINFO to 70460. Jo Woodhead is walking for CAFOD this Lent by walking 10,000 steps, every day, for 40 days. You can sponsor Jo at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/cafod-walk-for-water632>

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES** You can get the titles delivered direct to your home every week, Post Free. Go to [www.thecatholicuniverse.com](http://www.thecatholicuniverse.com) or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you one of the following: Special Offer 3 Months £25.00 or 12 Months £99.00 / Digital Copy - 12 Months £55.00 Digital Copy & Hard Copy £115.00 (Easter Special Offer)

**CATHOLIC CARE'S ANNUAL APPEAL** Weekend of 14 March 2021. Their work for those in need in the community is dependent on grants, donations, fundraising and volunteers. The long pandemic impacts their ability to fundraise so this year's appeal is so important. Please give generously. Donations can be made online: [www.catholic-care.org.uk](http://www.catholic-care.org.uk)

**ACT NOW** As you are likely already aware, the UK Government has temporarily allowed home abortions. The UK Government has launched a consultation on whether to make permanent the current temporary arrangement. The consequences of this measure would be devastating to the care and protection of both unborn babies and their mothers. It is vital that as many people as possible take part to ensure the voices of the most vulnerable are heard. Right To Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool on their website that makes it simple to complete your submission. You can make a submission to this consultation before it closes at 11:59pm on 26 February 2021, you can do so by visiting the link below. It only takes 2 minutes. <https://righttolife.org.uk/ukconsultation>

### **PRAYERS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS**

21st - "As we begin this season of Lent, we offer up the merits of our daily sacrifices to the needs of the most vulnerable in society. We offer them especially for the poor, the lonely and the unborn. That the Lord would see their needs and pour out his love and blessing upon them. Lord hear us"

28th - "We pray for all considering abortion. We pray that the love and kindness of those around them would support pregnant women everywhere to continue with their pregnancy and find peace and joy in what the future holds. Lord hear us

**PARISH GIVING** If you wish to set up a standing order account details are:

**Good Shepherd Mytholmroyd - Sort Code 40-27-15 and the Account No. 21023209**

I want to take this opportunity in thanking you for all your support.

### **LIVE-STREAMING OF MASSES AND SERVICES ONLINE**

#### **DAILY MASS FROM LEEDS CATHEDRAL**

YouTube channel: [www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk](http://www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk)

**SALFORD CATHEDRAL – MASS AT 11.00am Sunday go to:**

<http://www.salfordcathedral.co.uk/>

#### **CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING, LIVERPOOL**

Watch from 11am Sunday on Facebook page and YouTube channel.

**MONASTIC LITURGIES** 10.00am Sunday Mass can be found at the Benedictine, Glenstal Abbey, Limerick, [www.glenstal.com/abbey/liturgy-prayer/church-web-cam](http://www.glenstal.com/abbey/liturgy-prayer/church-web-cam)

#### **ST MARY'S CHURCH, HALIFAX**

Go to [stmaryshalifax.com](http://stmaryshalifax.com) 09.30am daily and Sunday @ 11.00am

#### **NATIONAL SHRINE AT WALSINGHAM**

[www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/)

#### **FR DENIS MCBRIDE C.SS.R.**

Each Sunday Mass [www.rpbooks.co.uk/holy-mass-online](http://www.rpbooks.co.uk/holy-mass-online)

#### **Ss PETER AND PAUL CHURCH, PORTLAOISE, IRELAND**

Daily Mass @ 10.00am <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jy89Co1szkA>

○ **Fr John** can be contacted: email: [john\\_gott1@xlnmail.com](mailto:john_gott1@xlnmail.com) or T:01422 648618

**FIELD NOTES** WE HAVE NOW begun the great season of Lent, when we spend six weeks preparing to celebrate the high point of our faith: The Paschal Mystery, the resurrection of OUR Lord and saviour. The gospel tells us that “The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert and he remained there for forty days.”

The desert is a place of extremes. Most people think of the desert as a dry and hot. While the temperatures do soar they can also be very chilly at night – A time of quiet self-examination before God can also help us to see the extremes in our own nature, both good and bad.

The desert is a land of endurance. We must be constantly vigilant to the protection of the body. Sunburn, heatstroke, and dehydration are just as dangerous as frostbite and exposure. To drop your guard for even a short time can have unbearable consequences. This life on earth is also fraught with spiritual dangers.

The desert demands obedience to its rhythms. The desert has a daily rhythm of heating up and cooling down. During the hottest part of the day, nearly all creatures seek some kind of shelter and rest. When the relative coolness of evening arrives, activity picks up and the desert animals venture from their hiding places to forage for food. Likewise, God has given us boundaries or a certain environment to live within. To ignore the will of God usually only causes discomfort and gets us into trouble.

Genesis described humanity as created in the image and likeness of God, uniquely blessed with his friendship. The incursion of sin turned that friendship, into ashes, by the time of Noah’s generation, the Lord God “saw that the wickedness of man was great upon the earth...”. This simple narrative is not, ultimately, a story of destruction and judgment. It describes the restored friendship that a loving God calls forth from the darkness of sin.

At the beginning of Lent, let us acknowledge our sinfulness, with the psalmist:

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour.

### **Go to YouTube – Search for**

Psalm 42/43: As the Deer Longs · Bob Hurd · Craig Kingsbury · Dominic MacAller

Safe in the shadow Lucy and Alice Paine

It is good to be together...

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**These prayer petitions are taken from parishioners' requests sent in recently.**

**Robert Morley** hoping to start treatment for cancer very soon. 14/01/21

**With thanks for prayers received:** Doris Phillips is now home from hospital and recovering well from both operation and Covid. 21/02/21

For **Barry Harrop** he was unable to have the planned operation and now faces an uncertain future with advanced oesophageal cancer. 21/02/21

For **Alfie** born at 28 weeks and weighing 730 grams, and for his mother Emily, still struggling with her own health, that they may grow in strength and health together.

**Aileen Queenan** – asks for our ongoing prayers and thanks us for our support. 14/01/21

For **all receiving treatment for cancer** at this time 14/01/21

Please pray for **Clive Barker** living with ongoing health issues. 14/01/21

Please pray for **Molly** suddenly admitted to hospital 20/02/21

Please pray for **Annis Peart - Binns** during this period. 14/01/21

Please pray for **Rosa** - remains in need of prayers and spiritual support. 21/02/21

For **those suffering from Covid 19** and its aftermath.

For **those in positions of decision-making**, to be guided by the Common Good.

For **the isolated and sick** at this time of Covid restrictions.

For **those in care and hospital work** – may they be given resilience.

For **the recently bereaved** – when we cannot console them directly.

**Of your mercy please pray for:**

**Canon Joseph Finan, Gez Hodgson, Pauline Kay and Peter Kennedy**

All who have recently died. Pray for the repose of their souls.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

**If you have a petition and would like it to be included contact Fr Larkin by email at [pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)**

## **PRAY FOR:**

### **THE SICK**

Robert Morley, Doris Phillips, Barry, David Heap, Annis Peart-Binns, Aileen Queenan, Thomas Davis, Mary Harwood, Mary Howard, Edna Harwood, Rosa Maria Santos - in addition to those mentioned on the Prayer Tree.

### **CLERGY**

Please remember to keep in your prayers those who are unwell or recovering from sickness at this time, especially Deacon Patrick Kelly and Deacon Edwin Murphy. Support with your prayers also, all the priests and deacons of our diocese who are burdened with long-term illnesses.

### **LATELY DEAD**

Canon Joseph Finan, Gez Hodgson, Pauline Kay, and Peter Kennedy.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.