

The Good Shepherd

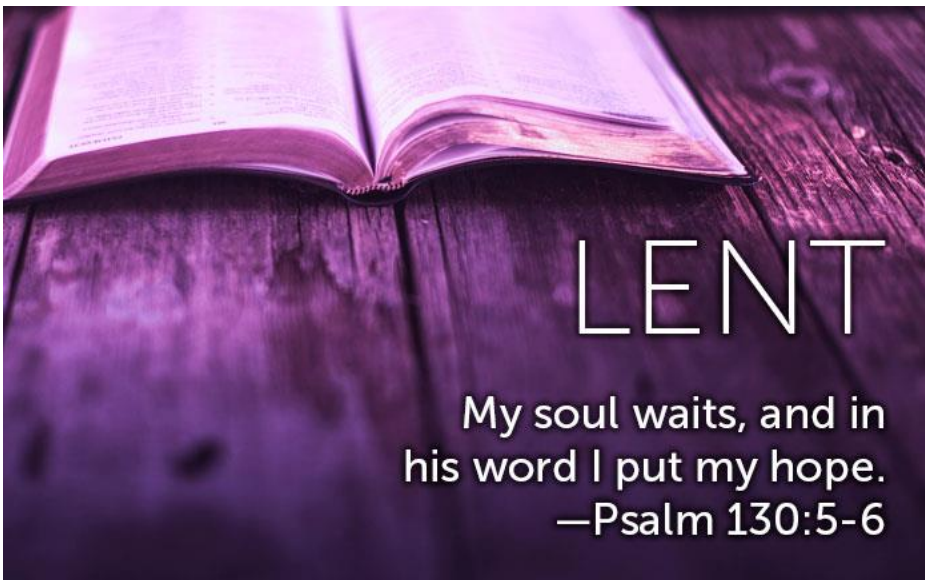
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**Sunday 07 MARCH 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

MASSES DURING THE WEEK Readings and Mass texts visit www.universalis.com

| Sunday 07 March | 9.30 am MASS | THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT | Missa pro populo | GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH |
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| | Fr John | | Private Intention | Mass at home 5.00pm |
| Mon 08 March | Fr John | ST DAVID, BISHOP AND PATRON OF WALES | Private Intention | Mass at home 10.30am |
| Tues 09 March | Fr John | Weekday of Lent | Private Intention | Mass at home 10.30am |
| Wed 10 March | 12.00 NOON MASS | Weekday of Lent | November Dead List 2021 | GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH |
| Thur 11 March | Fr John | Weekday of Lent | Private Intention | Mass at home 10.30am |
| Fri 12 March | Fr John | Weekday of Lent | Private Intention | Mass at home 10.30am |
| Sat 13 March | 10.00 am MASS | Weekday of Lent | November Dead List 2021 | GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH |

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| Sunday 14 March | 9.30 am MASS Fr John | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT LAETARE SUNDAY | Christine Graham [LD] Private Intention | GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH Mass at home 5.00pm |
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

LENT & EASTER This time last year we saw our churches closing as the country went into a complete lockdown at the start of the pandemic. This year we will again be in lockdown but at least our church has been open for many months, even if at limited capacity, for this, we must be grateful to all those who have volunteered to help with the stewarding. So as Lent progresses towards Easter we are doing things a little differently this year. We will celebrate **GOOD FRIDAY 9.30am** with the reading of the Passion and Holy Communion and celebrate **HOLY MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY 9.30AM**.

(Both occasions are book online only)

As we are just two weeks into Lent we have still plenty of time to observe Lent as a time of interior renewal: Don't give up or take on more than you can manage; pray the Rosary often; have a tender devotion to St Joseph in this his special Year; do some Lenten spiritual reading, especially the Gospels; pray for others as the ultimate act of charity; remember that fasting is about God and not about ourselves. As Easter draws closer I hope this spiritual hunger for Jesus will increase within all of us.

REMEMBERING WITH HOPE - online service Tuesday 23 March at 7-00pm.

On the anniversary of the first lockdown, join with us to commemorate loved ones that have died during this past year and remember them with Hope. We feel it is important to mark the date of the start of the first lockdown with a reflective service giving space to remember those we know who have passed away over the last year (whatever the reason); so a team of us at Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care (The Briery) and Growing Old Gracefully have joined together to hold this online service.

Click on the link Below for more details and to book your place.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/remembering-with-hope-an-online-service-to-remember-loved-ones-tickets-143289555919>

DO WOMEN HAVE A FUTURE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? On March 8 International Women's Day, why not join the Tablet's discussion between 6.00pm and 7.00pm. The discussion will be led by, Joanna Moorhead Writer and editor, Kate McElwee Women's Ordination Conference, Zuzanna Filsowska-Caridi Voices of Faith, Liz Dodd Home News Editor of the Tablet; Full details of how to join the call will be sent in the days before the event. All proceeds from this event will go to The Tablet's Development Fund. To book your tickets visit: www.thetablet.co.uk/events

TUESDAY PRAYER VIA ZOOM AT 12.00 NOON

Maureen and Frank Flynn 09 March / Anne and Mike Plunkett 16 March

Patricia and Paul Newman 23 March / Bernadette and John Gibson 30 March

CAFOD This Lent, CAFOD invites you help give the boot to water poverty across the world. Donate online at CAFOD.org.uk/give or Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10 or support Jo Woodhead who is walking for CAFOD 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 delivered direct to your home every week, Post Free. Call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you one of the following: Special Offer 12 Months £99.00 / Digital Copy - 12 Months £55.00

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 Each Monday in Lent 7-00pm and 8-00pm Lent Course: God With Us: Exploring the Old Testament, led by Fr Tim Swinglehurst on Zoom. 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

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

WEAVING A BRIDGE – A Retreat Day of Mindfulness and Wellbeing practices via Zoom, Friday 12 March 2021, 10am – 4pm. Led by Angela Rogerson and Anne Harrison the day is open to all who wish to cultivate a mindful presence of ourselves, of others and of God. Suggested offering £20. Further details: www.briery.org.uk, Tel: 01942 607287, Email: briery@btconnect.com.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND HOLY HOUR With the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, Friday 12th March, 7 – 9pm, St Pio Friary Facebook Page: <https://m.facebook.com/StPioFriary/?tsid=0.17342017365685014&source=result>.

VACANCY The St Gregory the Great Catholic Academy Trust is looking to appoint a headteacher to Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Primary School for Sept 2021. Application packs from angela.cox@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. Closing date: 22 March 2021.

FIELD NOTES In the Gospel of St John, the cleansing of the temple takes place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry and not at the beginning of the events of the last days of Jesus' life. The startling words and actions of Jesus in the temple, whether they are from the Synoptic accounts or John's account, took on new meaning for later generations of Christians. "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" The temple was not a commercial centre but rather a holy place of the Father. Like the prophets before him, Jesus tried to awaken the hearts of his people.

Jesus' disciples recall him saying in the temple the words of Psalm 68:10: "Zeal for your house will consume me." I understand this verse to mean: "I am filled with a burning love for your house." When the magnificent Temple of Jerusalem had been destroyed by the Romans, and both Jews and Christians grieved at its loss, the followers of Jesus recalled this incident in the temple. Now they could see new meaning in it; it was a sign that the old temple was finished but a new temple was to be built. This new temple would not be of stone, wood and gold. It would be a living temple of holy people (1 Peter 2:4-6; Ephesians 2:19-22).

The history of Monte Cassino can help us reflect on the gospel. It had been founded by St Benedict in the sixth century. Before the end of the century, it had been destroyed. A second abbey reached its golden age under the great abbot Desiderius (Blessed Pope Victor III), who from 1058 completely rebuilt it and extended its library and estates, and gave his encouragement to liturgy, literature and the arts. So there was a deep sense of shock when the Allies bombed it in 1944, there remains the sense of civilisation being robbed of one of its great achievements.

When the war ended, great efforts were made to restore the venerable building, piece by piece, and in 1964, 20 years after the blitz, Pope Paul VI reconsecrated it. It is simply astonishing that such incredible efforts were made. A most noble ambition: peace, reconstruction, forgiveness and generosity. The abbey speaks most eloquently.

The gospel today speaks eloquently not of a noble ambition but of the reality that in the person of Jesus there is peace, reconstruction, forgiveness and generosity. As we contemplate Jesus' burning love for the things of his Father, and the saving mystery of his cross, let us pray these words:
Speak Lord your servant is listening.

Go to YouTube – Search for

Psalm 27 (There's One Thing I Ask) · John Michael Talbot
All My Hope On God Is Founded

It is good to be together...

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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

For **Sarah McCann**, recently diagnosed with cancer and shortly to undergo treatment

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:

Christine Graham, Neil McKelvey, Kath Fleet, Gez Hodgson.

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

PRAY FOR:

THE SICK

Sarah McCann, 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

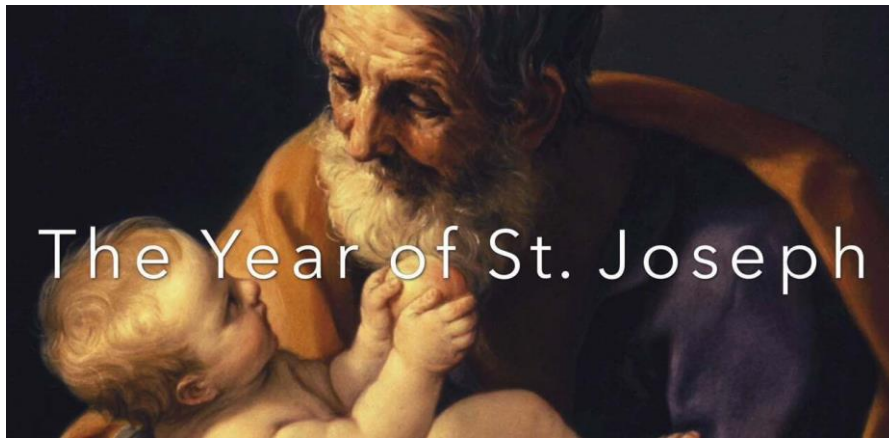
Please remember to keep in your prayers those who are unwell or recovering from sickness at this time, especially Deacon Patrick Kelly and Deacon Edwin Murphy. Support with your prayers also, all the priests and deacons of our diocese who are burdened with long-term illnesses.

LATELY DEAD

Christine Graham, Neil McKelvey, Kath Fleet, Gez Hodgson.

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

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Let us, prepare to consecrate our Parish—families— and ourselves to the protection of St Joseph on his solemnity which falls on **Friday 19 March 2021**. Please make time in your day for the Litany below or some other prayer to St Joseph. May this wonderful Patriarch—Foster Father of Our Divine Lord—give us the necessary courage to go forward in the sure knowledge that we have such divine protection and help.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, hear us. Jesus, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of Heaven, Have mercy on us.
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Spirit, Have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, One God, Have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, pray for us.
St. Joseph, pray for us.
Renowned offspring of David, pray for us.
Light of Patriarchs, pray for us.
Spouse of the Mother of God, pray for us.
Chaste guardian of the Virgin, pray for us.
Foster father of the Son of God, pray for us.
Diligent protector of Christ, pray for us.

Head of the Holy Family, pray for us.
Joseph most just, pray for us.
Joseph most chaste, pray for us.
Joseph most prudent, pray for us.
Joseph most strong, pray for us.
Joseph most obedient, pray for us.
Joseph most faithful, pray for us.
Mirror of patience, pray for us.
Lover of poverty, pray for us.
Model of artisans, pray for us.
Glory of home life, pray for us.
Guardian of virgins, pray for us.
Pillar of families, pray for us.
Solace of the wretched, pray for us.
Hope of the sick, pray for us.
Patron of the dying, pray for us.
Terror of demons, pray for us.
Protector of Holy Church, pray for us.

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world. And prince over all his possessions.

He made him the lord of his household.

Let us pray, — O God, in your ineffable providence you were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most holy Mother; grant, we beg you, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our Protector:
You who live and reign forever and ever.

Saint Joseph, pray for us.