

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 14 MARCH 2021
FOUR SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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
Mon 15 March	Fr John	Weekday of Lent	Private Intention	Mass at home 10.30am
Tues 16 March	Fr John	Weekday of Lent	Private Intention	Mass at home 10.30am
Wed 17 March	12.00 NOON MASS	SAINT PATRICK, BISHOP AND PATRON OF IRELAND	Mary and Bill Lewis [A]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thur 18 March	Fr John	Weekday of Lent	Private Intention	Mass at home 10.30am
Fri 19 March	Fr John	ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Private Intention	Mass at home 10.30am
Sat 20 March	10.00 am MASS	Weekday of Lent	November Dead List 2021	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 21 March	9.30 am MASS Fr John	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Missa pro populo Private Intention	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH Mass at home 5.00pm

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

MOTHERING SUNDAY falls every year on the 4th Sunday in Lent, also called Laetare (rejoice) Sunday, referring to its sense of respite halfway through this season of fasting and penitence. Happy and Blessed Mother's Day.

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 Easter approaches 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)

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Vade Mecum for Holy Week 2021

General Principles

This year, our churches will be open this differs from the situation faced last year when acts of public worship were suspended because of the covid-19 pandemic. The celebrations of Holy Week have to be tempered by the provision that the Church in England and Wales is part of a broader community in which the possibilities of virus transmission are still high. Therefore, the general guidance for the safety of those participating in acts of worship have to be strictly adhered to. These include:

- The wearing of face coverings in church by the faithful (unless the person has a valid exemption from this regulation)
- Social distancing of people within the church building
- Stewarding of the church premises to assist the faithful whilst in church
- Frequent hand cleansing, either with sanitiser or washing
- Suitable one-way systems in the building to prevent excessive interaction between people from different households or bubbles
- Good ventilation of the church building to refresh the air quality within
- Cleaning of the church building after each act of public worship
- The timely dispersing of the faithful after the acts of worship avoiding congregating in car parks or on the streets outside the church.

The celebrations of the various liturgies of Holy Week should include those things that are necessary for the celebration, but not be prolonged in any way.

Specific Guidance for the Celebrations

Palm Sunday

The shorter form of the Passion from the Gospel of St Mark should be read in a dignified yet expeditious manner. The blessed palm branches should be distributed to the faithful as they leave the church after Mass. Those distributing the palm branches should wear single-use gloves when doing so.

The Chrism Mass

To participate access, go to the following YouTube channel: www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk

Mass of the Lord's Supper

In the Decree of March 2020, the exceptional faculty to celebrate this Mass without the faithful was granted to all priests on this day, and it is still permitted.

Good Friday

The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord should take place in the church with a congregation wherever possible. The proclamation of the Passion according to St John should be read in a dignified yet expeditious manner.

For The Adoration of the Holy Cross, the Cross can either be veiled or unveiled. This may be expressed by the faithful through, a gesture such as a genuflection or bow. Holy Communion should be given under one kind from the Reserved Sacrament according the previous *Guidance* offered by the Bishops' Conference.

The Easter Vigil

To participate go to the following YouTube channel: www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk.

Mass of Easter Day

All priests should endeavour to celebrate Mass for their people on Easter Sunday. The Mass should be as prescribed in the *Roman Missal* but without the sprinkling of water as part of the Renewal of Baptismal Promises.

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>

TUESDAY PRAYER VIA ZOOM AT 12.00 NOON

Anne and Mike Plunkett 16 March

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

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; so a team of us at Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care (The Briery) and Growing Old Grace-fully 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>

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FIELD NOTES The Gospel for Laetare Sunday features a nocturnal conversation between two important religious teachers: on the one a notable “teacher of Israel” named Nicodemus, and Jesus whom Nicodemus calls a “teacher from God.” It is important to provide some background for the Gospel passage for this Sunday. The conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus is one of the most significant dialogues of the New Testament and his coming to Jesus secretly at night suggests the darkness of unbelief.

Jesus speaks to Nicodemus of the need to experience the true presence of God and offer oneself to him. Knowing God is much more than a collection of theological ideas. In speaking about being born again from above, Jesus refers to a rebirth, which the Spirit of God makes possible.

Jesus tells Nicodemus, and all who will hear this story in future generations, that the Son of Man must be lifted up so that people may gaze upon him and find healing and peace. The Greek word used for “raised up” has a twofold meaning: both a physical lifting up, as in the crucifixion, or the spiritual lifting up which is an exultation.

What lesson does Nicodemus teach us today? On October 14, 2008, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI shared some profound reflections on this very topic. In his brief, crystal-clear address to the assembly at the Vatican, the Pope touched upon one of the important themes that emerged. When Catholic biblical exegesis is divorced from the living, breathing community of faith in the Church, exegesis is reduced to data and nothing more. The hermeneutic of faith disappears. We reduce everything to human sources and can simply explain everything away. Ultimately, we deny the One about whom the Scriptures speak, the one whose living presence lies underneath the words.

Jesus the living Lord is the beautiful Word among us.

Prayer of St. Bonaventure

The words are from his “Itinerarium Mentis in Deum” inviting Christians to recognize the inadequacy of “reading without repentance, knowledge without devotion, research without the impulse of wonder, prudence without the ability to surrender to joy, action divorced from religion, learning sundered from love, intelligence without humility, study unsustained by divine grace, thought without the wisdom inspired by God.”

Go to YouTube – Search for

Rejoice The Lord Is King from St. Alban's Cathedral
Oh the Love of My Lord Is the Essence. · James Kilbane

EXTRA

Hail Glorious St Patrick · Derek Warfield

Hail, Holy Joseph - CASSIA & MYRRH

It is good to be together...

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

14 March - "As we celebrate Mother's Day, we pray for all mothers who are expecting. We pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends and local communities, as they journey through this life-changing experience. Lord hear us"

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

For **Gisela Lea-McCann**: for a full and uncomplicated recovery from her operation

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:

Brent Smith, 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 Gisela Lea-McCann, 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

CLERGY 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 Brent Smith, Canon Vincent O'Hara, 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.