

The Good Shepherd

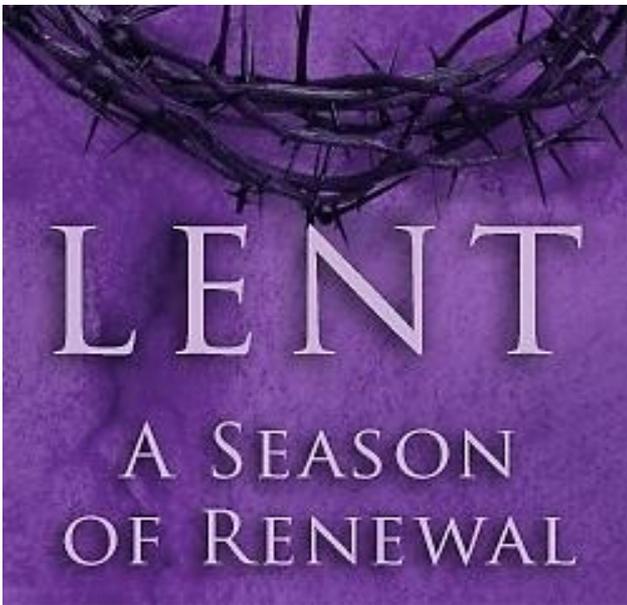
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Sunday 21 MARCH 2021
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Sunday 21 March	9.30 am MASS Fr John	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT LAETARE SUNDAY	Missa pro populo Private Intention	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH Mass at home 5.00pm
Mon 22 March	Fr John	Weekday of Lent	Private Intention	Mass at home 10.30am
Tues 23 March	Fr John	Weekday of Lent	Private Intention	Mass at home 10.30am
Wed 24 March	12.00 NOON MASS	Weekday of Lent	November Dead List 2021	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thur 25 March	Fr John	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	Private Intention	Mass at home 10.30am
Fri 26 March	Fr John	ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Private Intention	Mass at home 10.30am
Sat 27 March	10.00 am MASS	Weekday of Lent	November Dead List 2021	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 28 March	9.30 am MASS Fr John	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	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

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 – PLEASE VISIT THE PARISH WEBSITE)

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.

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 bow. Holy Communion should be given under one kind from the Reserved Sacrament according the previous *Guidance* offered by the Bishops' Conference.

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.

EASTER FLOWERS There will be a donation box in the church entrance on days when Mass is taking place. Please place your donation into the box marked "**Flowers**" If you would like to contribute for one week's flowers for church, contact **Doris Moorhead** (01422 842931)

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SAFEGUARDING TRAINING I have been contacted about Diocesan safeguarding training for 2021. The framework for the safeguarding training is determined nationally and usually has to be undertaken face to face for a prescribed amount of time. However logistically this is problematic given Covid19 and all the associated challenges. As a first step all clergy who are undertaking ministry or likely to undertake ministry in the next 12 months must complete the mandatory safeguarding training online.

The Educare module is 'Safeguarding Adults' and should be completed by 30 April 2021. Educare suggest this this module takes approximately 2 hours to complete and relates to:

- Identifying 'adults at risk' and the key principles of the Care Act 2014
- Recognising Adult Abuse
- Reporting Adult Abuse
- Good Practice guidelines

This is very relevant to ministry and increasing our confidence to offer support and/or intervene when needed. All training successfully completed, Safeguarding Adults - Level 2, date: 16 March 2021, CPD Credits: 4

FIELD NOTES We are just one week away from Holy Week and our celebration of God's love for us in his passion, death and resurrection.

Let us consider John's Gospel Chapter 12 — a fitting climax to Jesus' public ministry. It is the last official act before the events of his passion next Sunday. There are Gentiles, who seek Jesus out for the first time. They do not come simply to catch a glimpse of him, to have some general audience with him, but rather to "see" him. (It is similar to the curiosity of the tax collector Zacchaeus who climbed a sycamore tree to get a better look at Jesus as he passed by underneath.)

How simple yet how stunning a request: "Sir, we would like to see Jesus" [John 12:21]! We are not told if those men in John 12:21 ever did see Jesus but we do know what seems at first sight the rather strange answer that Jesus gave to his disciples: "Unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it remains a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest." The grain, of course, does not actually die but is totally transformed into something completely new: roots, leaves and fruit - transformed into something altogether different and often much more beautiful. Over the centuries, by simply looking upon the crucifix, millions of people have been transformed into something altogether different and more beautiful by the love and compassion of Jesus.

Looking back over our lent we can map out the neglected moments, the lost opportunities that have taken us away from God. As Jesus approached his death and resurrection, there was a decisive moment, an "hour".

"Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." The hour of the Father's grace lies before us as we journey towards Holy Week. We can seize that moment and be embraced by its power. As Christ was lifted up on the cross, we, who enter into his Hour, are drawn into the love of his Father which will – transform us into something altogether different and much more beautiful.

Go to YouTube – Search for

Give Us, Lord, A New Heart · Kevin Walsh · Bernadette Farrell

Unless a Grain of Wheat · Bernadette Farrell

It is good to be together...

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

21 March - "Today we celebrate World Down's Syndrome Day. We pray especially for the current attempts in Northern Ireland to protect babies with Down's syndrome from abortion, that elected representatives would pursue the protection of rights for all people with disabilities, and that babies with Down's syndrome are loved and protected equally. Lord hear us"

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

For **Gisela Lea-McCann**: for timely resolution of her health issues

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

Robert Morley hoping to start treatment for cancer very soon.

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 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. 07/03/21

For **all receiving treatment for cancer** at this time.

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:

Albert Bellis, 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 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 Albert Bellis, 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.