

The Good Shepherd

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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

Sunday 28 March	9.30 am MASS	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 29 March		MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK		
Tues 30 March		TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK		
Wed 31 March	12.00 NOON MASS	WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	November Dead List 2021	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thur 01 April		THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK	PRIVATE MASS	
Fri 02 April	09.30 am	GOOD FRIDAY	PASSION OF THE LORD	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sat 03 April		HOLY SATURDAY		
Sunday 04 April	9.30 am MASS	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

HOLY WEEK AND 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** (**BOOK ONLINE**)

with the reading of the Passion and Holy Communion.

We celebrate **HOLY MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY 9.30am**. (**BOOK ONLINE**)

(Both occasions are book online only PLEASE VISIT THE PARISH WEBSITE)

Palm Sunday – 09.30am (**BOOK ONLINE**)

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 – 09.30am (**BOOK ONLINE**)

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, this may be expressed by the faithful through, a gesture such as a bow. Holy Communion should be given from the Reserved Sacrament according the previous *Guidance* offered.

Mass of Easter Day – 09.30am (**BOOK ONLINE**)

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

CAFOD 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>

JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION ONLINE STATIONS OF THE CROSS Tuesday 30 March, 7.30 – 8.30pm. Walking alongside those who are being crucified today and reflecting on the damage that we continue to do to the Earth. To attend: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-justice-themed-stations-of-the-cross-registration-145112556563?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>

TUESDAY PRAYER VIA ZOOM AT 12.00 NOON

Bernadette and John Gibson 30 March / Deborah Rolland and Roger Masters 06 April / John & Cathy Duffy 13 April / Jean & David Marsh 20 April / Maureen & Frank Flynn 27 April

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

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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/>

SENIOR JOB VACANCIES AT CATHOLIC CARE We are recruiting for two new exciting senior opportunities: Head of Charity Support and Business Services; a strategic leadership role and a Senior Manager for Children's Services working to make a real difference to the lives of children & young people. For further information please visit www.catholic-care.org.uk. Closing dates: 7 April & 26 March respectively.

ENCOUNTERING THE RISEN JESUS A series of 5 reflections taking place on Zoom on Mondays 7-8pm, beginning 12 April. Led by Fr Jarmuz these will explore the varied responses to the resurrection of: the women who followed Jesus (12 April), Peter (19 April), the disciples (26 April), Emmaus (10 May) and the beloved disciple (17 May). For further details and Zoom invitation, please email gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

FIELD NOTES The hour has come!

“He was oppressed and was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth.

Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth” (Is 53:7).

For the Christian faithful, this Isaiah text evokes a response deep within us, seeing how they apply to God’s only beloved Son, and how he died for all of us. In the words of St Peter, “without having seen him you have come to believe in him, and so you are filled already with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described”. Without this sincere love of Christ, we are no true followers of his. We cannot say we fully love him, until we appreciate what he suffered for us.

Today, having read the Passion narrative it is well to bear in mind that Christ was no stranger to hardship, privation and suffering, long before that final day of his life. “Being in the form of God,” as St Paul says, from the moment he came on earth, Jesus emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming as human beings are (Phil 2:6f).

He endured hunger and thirst, and after long days surrounded by crowds seeking a cure, he often spent whole nights at prayer in the hills. Despite his compassion for all who came to him, he met with hatred and rejection, in particular from Pharisees and priests, who planned to have him killed. How this rejection and hatred must have grieved him. King Lear knew “How sharper than a serpent’s tooth it is, to have a thankless child;” and how must Jesus have felt at being rejected by the people he had chosen, above all others.

The passion of Christ invites us to identify with those who saw Jesus with the eyes of faith and love, who recognized the light of God in the darkness of Jesus’ passion and death. When we look upon the passion and death of Jesus with such eyes, we see
a divine love that is stronger than sin,
a divine light that shines in all our darkness,
a divine power that brings new life out of death,
a divine poverty that enriches us at the deepest level of our being.

We have heard the story of Jesus’ last journey told in the space of a few minutes. This Holy Week, the church invites us to travel that journey at a much slower pace, day by day as it were. We look beneath the surface of what is happening, we listen deeply to all that is taking place, so as to recognise the good Shepherd who laid down his life for us all, so that we might have life and have it to the full.

Go to YouTube – Search for

All Glory, Laud, And Honour · Melchior Teschner

Ride On ! Ride On in Majesty - King's College, Cambridge

It is good to be together...

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

28 March - "We pray for all considering abortion. We pray that the love and support of those around them would encourage mothers to continue with their pregnancy and find peace and joy in what the future holds. 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:

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 Ailish Cullen, 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 Ailish Cullen, Ellen Lee, 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.