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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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

Sunday 11 April	9.30 AM	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 12 April		Weekday of Easter	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Tues 13 April		Weekday of Easter		
Wed 14 April	12.00 NOON	Weekday of Easter	November Dead List	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thur 15 April		Weekday of Easter		
Fri 16 April		Weekday of Easter	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Sat 17 April	10.00AM	Weekday of Easter	November Dead List	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 18 April	9.30 AM	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

It is another great reason to love this season. Divine Mercy Sunday – On this Sunday we can experience an immeasurable amount of grace. Because it is not possible for everyone to attend church, you can still participate in the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday by making a Spiritual Communion with great trust. God will give you all the graces that He sees that you need because of your great trust. Our Lord said to St. Faustina: The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive... (Diary, 1578).

EASTER 2021 May the light of Christ rising in glory, fill your minds and hearts with His new life! Our belief and our celebration of the risen Lord is sustained within the community of the Church and I would like to take this opportunity to offer a heartfelt thanks to all who not only at Easter but throughout the year – and in particular the past year have given of their time, talents and resources to support our community of faith. And at Easter, many thanks to all who have been involved preparing and decorating the Church and to all who have, read, stewarded and welcomed. It is valued and appreciated.

We are fortunate to have been able to sustain our weekly and daily celebration of the Holy Mass. As we begin, to enjoy this Eastertide and, to emerge into a more usual pattern of living, it will be important that we embrace the opportunity of a more complete rhythm of life and faith; along of course with a healthier social life!

A sincere thank you for attending church during the pandemic ensuring a fitting celebration of the liturgy this Easter. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the cards and Easter offering (your gift to the Parish Priest) - Wishing everyone a blessed Eastertide. Remember that Eastertide is the period of 50 days, spanning from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. It is celebrated as a single joyful feast, called the "Great Lord's Day". Wishing everyone a blessed Eastertide. Fr Larkin.

FLOWERS 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
Rota: 11 April Linda Oswin / 18 April Kay Pierce.

THANK YOU to everyone who sponsored me for **CAFOD'S Walk for Water** this Lent. The aim was to walk 10 000 steps a day for 40 days. I managed just over 750 000 steps, I had hoped to double the 40 000 but unfortunately had to rest for a few days after a rather serious fall! However, I was still very pleased with the total, as I am with the amount raised which currently stands at £740 (it's not too late to add a donation.) CAFOD is an amazing charity and hopefully with the amount raised countrywide more will be achieved to ensure that families have access to clean water without having to walk long distances to collect it.

TUESDAY PRAYER VIA ZOOM AT 12.00 NOON John & Cathy Duffy 13 April / Nick Burchnall 20 April / Maureen & Frank Flynn 27 April / Anne and Mike Plunkett 4 May / Patricia and Paul Newman 11 May / Bernadette and John Gibson 18 May /

FORTHCOMING ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND DIACONATE

Please pray for Rev Christopher Butler as he prepares for his Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday 17 July 2021, 11:00am at Leeds Cathedral. I hope that it will be possible to extend an invitation to all clergy, seminarians and religious to attend the Ordination. Please put the date in your diary and, if it proves possible, make every effort to come along and support Christopher with your presence and your prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Sean Elliott as he prepares for his Ordination to the Diaconate on Thursday 29 April 2021 at the Church of St Malachy, Halifax. Sean undertook the greater part of his formation for the Priesthood at the Venerable English College, Rome, before commencing a pastoral placement at St Columba's and St Malachy's, Halifax, last September. Due to current restrictions, attendance at the Ordination by invitation only.

BUDGET FOR A FULL YEAR OF NEWS AND SAVE The Universe newspaper delivered direct to your home every week, Post Free. Tel 0161 820 5722 Special Offer 12 Months £99.00

THE WEDNESDAY WORD Lectio Divina - prayerfully preparing for Sunday with reflections on the readings. Available online: www.wednesdayword.org

ZOOM COFFEE MORNING (Hosted by Catholic Care): Friday mornings at 11am. A place to have a chat, become part of a community and have some fun! All welcome.

Meeting ID: 882 6618 1071 / Passcode: Hello21

RELAX AND REVIVE with Catholic Care: Join Janet Kent every Monday afternoon at 4pm starting Monday 12 April for a friendly online relaxation group.

Meeting ID: 829 0366 7151 / Passcode: 526282

SHORT ONLINE COURSE ON THE EARLY CHURCH The Church that Follows Jesus Christ, covering the early life of the Church leading to the Council of Nicea (325CE) is now available as six 30-minute recordings available on the diocesan website at:

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/finding-out-more/resources/>

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.

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.

FIELD NOTES

We are witness and messenger of the Lord's merciful love.

Divine Mercy Sunday is not a new feast established to celebrate St. Faustina's revelations. In fact, it is recovering an ancient liturgical tradition, reflected in a teaching attributed to St. Augustine about the Easter Octave, which he called "the days of mercy and pardon," and the Octave Day itself "the compendium of the days of mercy."

This feast of Divine Mercy reminds us of the many parables taught by Jesus emphasizing God's mercy. We remember the three beautiful parables of Luke 15; God is like a shepherd who leaves 99 sheep to go in search of the one lost one. God is like a woman who searches the entire house to find the coin she lost. God is like a father who comes out of the house to welcome back his prodigal son and who comes out of the house a second time to entice the elder son to come in and join in the celebration.

Today God we continue to celebrate God's infinite mercy. Let us celebrate and receive God's mercy. Through the mystery of this wounded Heart, the restorative tide of God's merciful love continues to spread over the whole world. Here alone can those who long for true and lasting happiness find its secret. A simple act of abandonment is enough to overcome the barriers of darkness and sorrow, of doubt and desperation. The rays of Your Divine Mercy restore hope, in a special way, to those-who feel overwhelmed by the burden of sin.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, help us always to have this trust in your Son, our Redeemer. Help us too, St. Faustina, whom we remember today with special affection. Fixing our weak gaze on the divine Saviour's face, we would like to repeat with you: "Jesus, I trust in You!" Now and for ever. Amen.

The message of Divine Mercy - The ABCs of Mercy.

A - Ask for His Mercy / B - Be merciful / C - Completely trust in Jesus

Prayer for the Pope

V. Let us pray for Francis our Pope.

R. May the Lord preserve him, give him a long life, make him blessed upon the earth, and may the Lord not hand him over to the power of his enemies.

V. May your hand be upon your holy servant.

R. And upon your son whom you have anointed.

Let us pray. O God, the Pastor and Ruler of all the faithful, look down, in your mercy, upon your servant, N., whom you have appointed to preside over your Church; and grant, we beseech you, that both by word and example, he may edify all those under his charge; so that, with the flock entrusted to him, he may arrive at length unto life everlasting.

Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Go to YouTube – Search for

Adoro Te Devote - Catholic Hymn of Saint Thomas Aquinas

This Joyful Eastertide - King's College Cambridge.

It is good to be together...

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

11 April - "As we celebrate the Feast of the Divine Mercy we remember the words of St Faustina: "that in difficult moments we might not despair... but with great confidence submit ourselves to [God's] holy will, which is love and mercy itself". We pray these words especially for all women considering abortion, that the love, hope and mercy of Christ would be with them in their difficulty, and that they would find care and support in their family and friends so that they can keep their unborn child. 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: Ailish Cullen, 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 Fr John, 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 Fr John, 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, Kath Fleet, Gez Hodgson. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.