

The Good Shepherd

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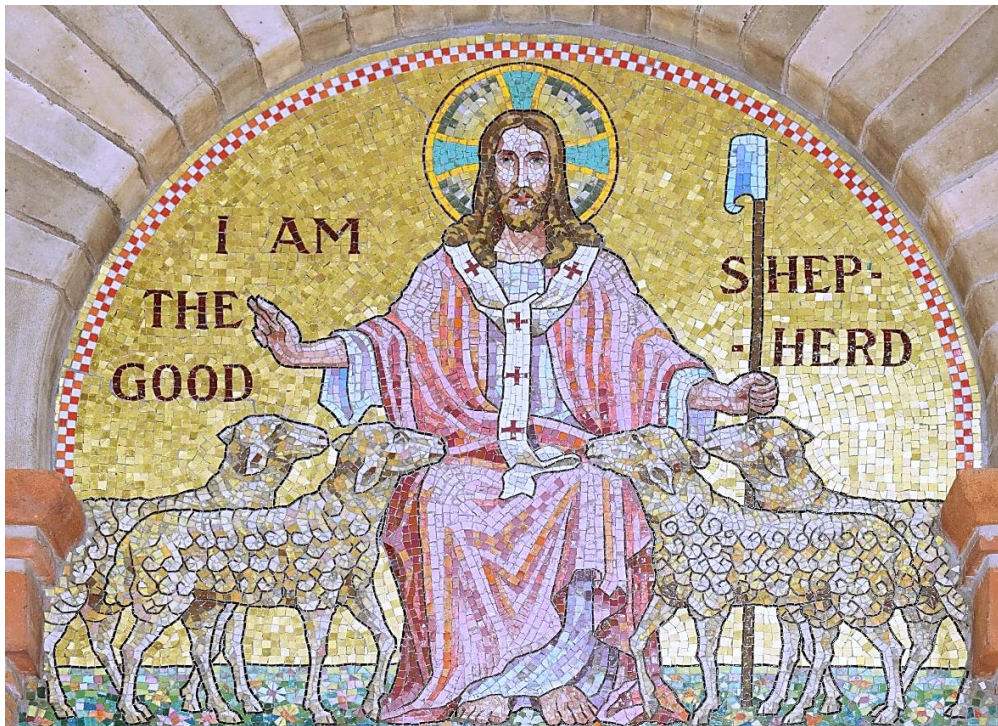
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Sunday 25 April	9.30 AM	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Thomas Livesey [A]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 26 April		Weekday of Easter	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Tues 27 April		Weekday of Easter		
Wed 28 April	12.00 NOON	Weekday of Easter	Kath Fleet [LD]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thur 29 April		ST CATHERINE OF SIENA		
Fri 30 April		Weekday of Easter	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Sat 1 May	10.00AM	Weekday of Easter	November Dead List 2021	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 2 May	9.30 AM	FIFTH 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

EASTER REFLECTION

The joy of our faith and hope rests in the words of Jesus to Martha before He raised Lazarus from the dead: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, although he be dead, shall live; and every one that liveth, and believeth in me, shall not die for ever" (John 11:25-26). Let us join our voices to Martha's as we echo her response to Jesus: "Yes, Lord, I have believed that thou art Christ, the Son of the living God" (John 11:27).

Easter not only is the foundation of our faith, Easter also invigorates our hope. Hope draws our eyes upward, where God resides. Saint Paul encourages us: "Therefore, if you be risen with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Mind the things that are above, not the things that are upon the earth. For you are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ shall appear, who is your life, then you also shall appear with Him in glory" (Colossians 3:1-4). While Christmas and Easter both have Octaves, the Church celebrates the Easter season for a longer period than it does Christmas. "Eastertide" extends to 50 days, and commemorates the 40 days Our Lord spent on earth after His Resurrection to the time of His Ascension into Heaven, as well as the 10 days from the Ascension to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

THANK YOU Linda and Alan Oswin would like to thank, Fr Larkin and the congregation for the consoling power and serenity of the Requiem Mass for Joanna Delany her mum.

WEDDING Roger Master and Deborah Rolland are to be married on the 1 May 2021.

We support them with our prayers and best wishes. They deeply regret that only 15 guests are permitted at the moment.

APPOINTMENTS TO PAROCHIAL OFFICES AND OTHER MINISTRIES 2021

Fr John Carlisle - Parish Priest of the Parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Huddersfield; and to assist with the spiritual care of All Saints Catholic College, Huddersfield, in collaboration with the clergy of the Parish of Holy Redeemer, Huddersfield

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. Deacon (following Ordination to the Diaconate on 29 April 2021) for pastoral service in the Parishes of St Columba and St Malachy, Halifax, and within the Halifax Deanery

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

ROLL BACK THE STONE online service with reflections on the Resurrection, helping us on our Eastertide journey, organised by Growing Old Grace-fully. Saturday 24 April, 4pm. For information and to book: <https://www.growingoldgracefully.org.uk/>

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

TUESDAY PRAYER VIA ZOOM AT 12.00 NOON Maureen & Frank Flynn 27 April / Anne & Mike Plunkett 4 May / Patricia & Paul Newman 11 May / Bernadette & John Gibson 18 May

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: 25 April Veronica Gregory / 2 May Roger & Deborah / 9 May Eileen O'Brien / 16 May Cathy & John Duffy / 23 May Anne & Michael Plunkett / 30 May Patricia Newman

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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.

FIELD NOTES

TODAY IS KNOWN AS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY because, in each year of the liturgical cycle on this 4th Sunday, the Gospel is always taken from the 10th chapter of St John where Jesus speaks of himself as the "good shepherd".

The shepherd image conveys the personal relationship between Jesus and his followers; it portrays the care of the shepherd for the sheep. He has gone looking for the one sheep that wandered off and having found it, takes it over his shoulders back to the flock. There is a close bond between the shepherd and this one sheep. He knows his own and his own know him, just as the Father knows him and he knows the Father. When it comes to the Lord we are not just one of a crowd, lost in a sea of humanity. The Lord knows each one of us by name. He relates to us in a personal way and he invites us to relate to him in a personal way. When Jesus says that, as the good shepherd, 'I lay down my life for my sheep', he is saying that he lays down his life for each one of us individually.

Today is also Vocations Sunday. From the time of our baptism, we are each called to be the Lord's disciples, to follow the good Shepherd. However, the way we do that will be unique to each one of us. Each of us has a unique contribution to make to the Lord's work in the world, to the life of the church, and our input is just as vital as anyone else's. We each have a unique calling and each one of us is vitally important to the Lord.

On this Vocations Sunday we can ask what the Good Shepherd wants of us right here, right now. All that is needed is to stop and to listen. Listen to some the beautiful words of Scripture, or just attend to the silent presence of God. "Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints, to those who turn to him in their heart" (Ps. 85:8). No matter where we are, we can open our hearts, minds to his voice that speaks of peace.

One final thought on shepherding. Anthropologists tell us that between the hunting and the farming stages of cultural development, shepherds stood as a people who existed in both worlds and tied them together. For that reason, shepherds appear in ancient myths and sagas as a symbol for the divine unity of opposites. What the ancient pagans hinted at, Christian faith has brought into a crisp reality with Jesus Christ as the great reconciler. He is the Good Shepherd, who has come into the centre of every great conflict in order to establish beauty, unity and peace and we can be a part of it.

Go to YouTube – Search for

The King Of Love My Shepherd Is | Christian Hymn
3 Motets, Op. 39: No. 3. Surrexit Pastor (O Lord, thou hast searched me out)

It is good to be together...

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

25 April - "This Tuesday marks 53 years since the 1967 Abortion Act came into effect. As we hope and pray for an end to abortion, we pray especially for our Government, that their commitment to support pregnant women and their families would increase, and that they would anchor themselves in the desire to protect all human life. 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.

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. 28/03/21

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: Joanna Delany.

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 Joanna Delany. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.