

The Good Shepherd

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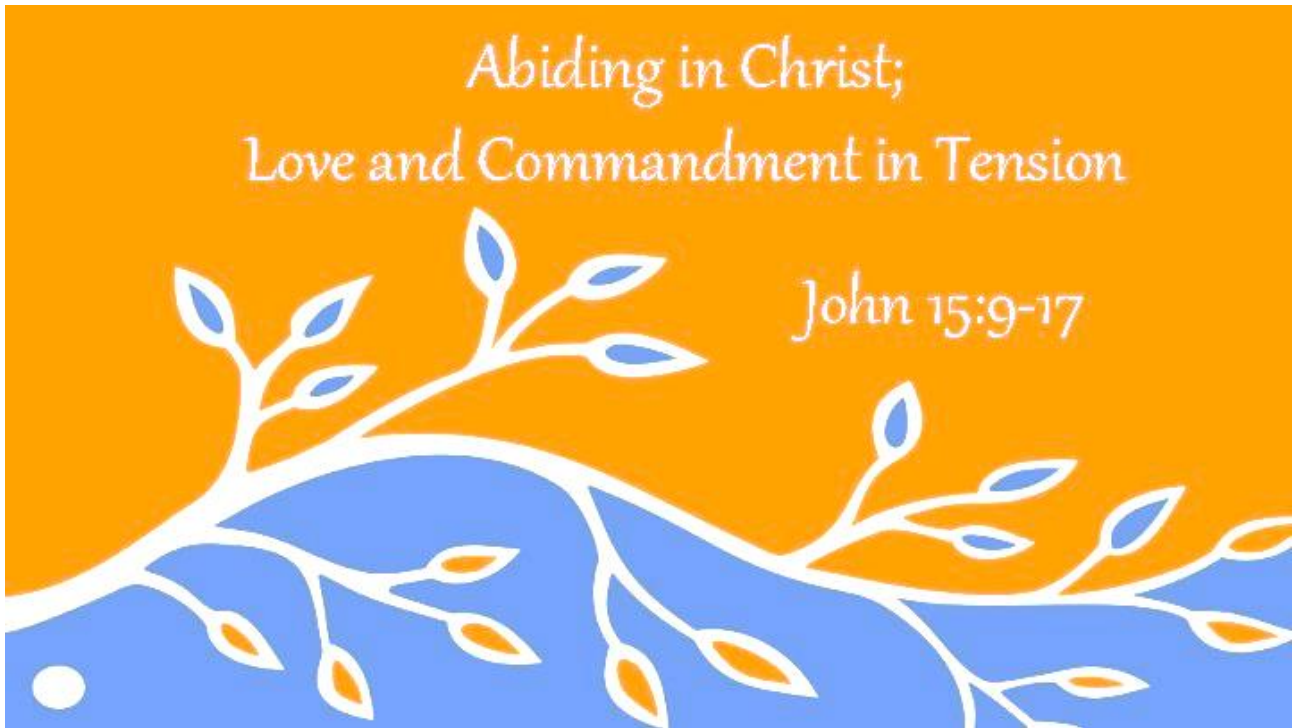
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Sunday 9 May	9.30 AM	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Anne Bohan [LD]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 10 May		Weekday of Easter	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Tues 11 May		Weekday of Easter		
Wed 12 May	12.00 NOON	Weekday of Easter	Rachel Burns	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thur 13 May		ASCENSION OF THE LORD		
Fri 14 May		ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Sat 8 May	10.00AM	Weekday of Easter	November Dead List 2021	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 15 May	9.30 AM	SEVENTH 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

MARY'S MONTH We have just begun Mary's Month. Each year during May we think of ways in which we give that place of honour to Our Blessed Mother. Any tokens of love and affection which mothers receive are welcomed and cherished. Mary is no exception, since she was, and continues to be, the Mother of those who follow her Divine Son. Honour any image of Mary that you have in your homes by giving it a special prominence during May; pray the Rosary each day alone or in our family groups; speak to her as a trusted friend, confidant and most beautiful of all mothers.

CAFOD The statistics around Coronavirus seem to be improving markedly and the vaccination programme continues with great success, sadly around the world there are many signs of increasing infection and of health systems not being able to cope with widespread illness. Surely it is important that as our situation gets better, we should encourage that people all around the world have the opportunities we have. Speaking last September, Pope Francis had this to say: "If there is the possibility of curing a disease with a drug, it should be available to everyone, otherwise it creates injustice". It's hard to know what practically we might do, but there are options. Organisations such as CAFOD are urging the cancellation of debt in order to fund vaccines and therefore to save lives. Visit the CAFOD website <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/77395/action/1>

FORTHCOMING ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

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.

FATHER MICHAEL MCCARTHY: LIKE A TREE CUT BACK

Like a Tree Cut Back, published 1 April 2021.

The book is available to purchase from The Catholic Universe online:

<http://thecatholicuniverse.com/product/like-a-tree-cut-back-by-michael-mccarthy/>.

COUNSELLING SERVICE Catholic Care are offering a free and confidential counselling service to members of our Catholic community. If you feel that you, a family member or friend might benefit from counselling support please contact us on 0113 388 5400, 0773 997 5008 or email counselling@catholic-care.org.uk

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

NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT

The latest newsletter (issue 6) about the National Catholic Safeguarding Project is available
Full updates of work can be found on the Project Website:
www.catholicsafeguardingproject.org

MENTAL HEALTH IN EDUCATION A Catholic Approach an online conference for those involved in the education or catechesis of young people. Friday 28 May 2021, 9-00am-3.30pm hosted by Leeds Trinity University. Input from Christian psychiatrists, psychologists, counsellors, academics, clergy, media professionals and students. Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment. More information: www.leedstrinity.ac.uk/ or email h.hayward@leedstrinity.ac.uk

PENTECOST CHALLENGE The Friends of the Holy Land who support the Christian communities in the Holy Land have launched a Pentecost Challenge inviting volunteers (individuals or groups) to walk, cycle, run or swim the equivalent of the 84-mile pilgrimage route from Bethlehem to Nazareth. To participate in the Challenge or to donate in support, please go to www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost

TUESDAY PRAYER VIA ZOOM AT 12.00 NOON

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: 9 May Eileen O'Brien / 16 May Cathy & John Duffy
23 May Anne & Michael Plunkett / 30 May Patricia Newman

CRIMINAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP SERIES Caritas Leeds invite you to an online workshop on 'Life in Prison' led by Chris White, Catholic Prison Chaplain at HMP Leeds on Wednesday 12 May 2021 from 6-30pm to 8-00pm. This is part of a series developed following the publication of the Criminal Justice Inquiry report - 'Justice and Mercy'.
To register please use the link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/caritas-leeds31188104135>

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND THE CATHOLIC TIMES These publications can now be delivered direct post free. For details of offers go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com/productcategory/subscriptions or phone 0161 820 5722.

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:
<http://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: Emmaus (10 May) and the beloved disciple (17 May). For further details and Zoom invitation, please email gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

FIELD NOTES

Gloria Deo homo vivens

The centre of all living is love. It is not only the centre of Christian living but needs to be at the centre of any kind of life.

Our Christian faith is a vision of how a human life should be lived in fullness. It teaches us how to be a real person. St Irenaeus said that “The glory of God is a person fully alive” (Gloria Deo homo vivens). And a person is only fully alive when full of love. Because such a person then reflects best the God who IS love.

St John says today, “Wherever there is love, there is God”. That is the meaning of the parable of the Good Samaritan. He was called “good” not because he was a religious person but because he reached out in compassionate love for someone who was supposed to be his enemy. So wherever in the world there is truth, compassion, justice, true freedom and peace, God is certainly there.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus gives us just one commandment. He says, “If you want to be my disciple, then you must love one another, as I have loved you.” If we really love our brothers and sisters, including strangers and even enemies, we do not have to worry if we love God. But, if we do not love everyone unconditionally, then there is no other way I can claim to love Jesus. I need to love those God loves and God loves every single person without exception.

In practice, of course, it is not always so easy. We need to learn slowly how to love people unconditionally. Our instincts and the prevailing culture around us think differently. Yet, we need to learn that the way of Jesus is in fact more in tune with our deeper nature. It is more human to be loving than hating (yet we often excuse our outbursts or anger or hatred as being “only human”). The most important thing is that I am someone who really loves. When I genuinely love others, there will always be some who cannot love me back but there will be others who will really respond in love. And it may be that my love has empowered them to be loving too.

To be able to reach out in love and to experience being loved is God’s greatest grace.

Go to YouTube – Search for

Love divine, all loves excelling
Thomas Tallis - If ye love me - The Cambridge singers

It is good to be together...

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities, we pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of society to have an abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming support by all who surround them. 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, 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 Sarah McCann, Robert Morley, Doris Phillips, Barry, Annis Peart-Binns, Aileen Queenan, Thomas Davis, Mary Harwood, Mary Howard, Edna Harwood, Rosa Maria Santos, Fr John

CLERGY Remember to keep in your prayers those who are unwell or recovering from sickness at this time, especially Fr John Gott, 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, Kath Fleet, Gez Hodgson. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.