

The Good Shepherd

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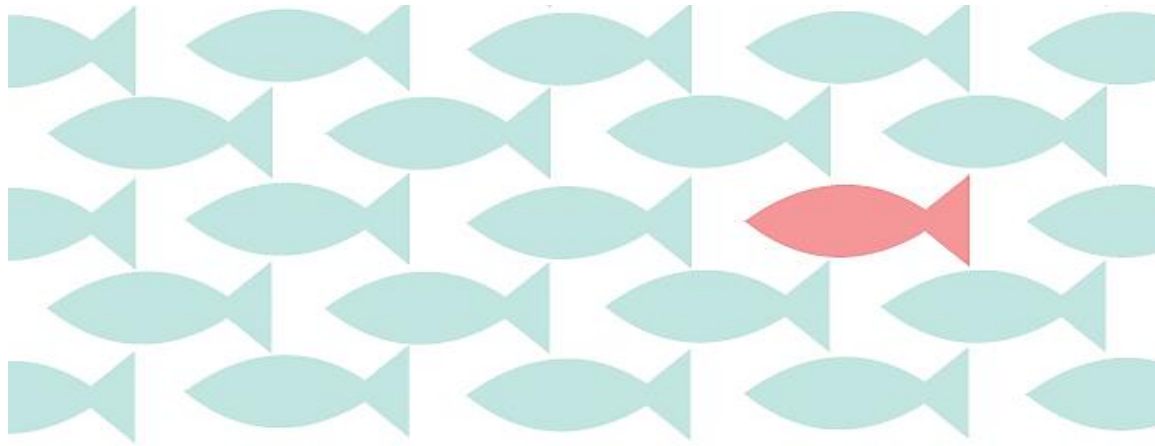
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Sanctify them by the
truth; your word is truth.

John 17:17

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 16 MAY 2021

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

Sunday 16 May	9.30 AM	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 17 May		Weekday of Easter	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Tues 18 May		Weekday of Easter		
Wed 19 May	12.00 NOON	Weekday of Easter	Tom Livesey [A]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thur 20 May		ASCENSION OF THE LORD		
Fri 21 May		ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Sat 22 May	10.00AM	Weekday of Easter	November Dead List 2021	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 23 May	9.30 AM	PENTECOST SUNDAY	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

AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY As from Monday 17 May the recitation of the Angelus (The Angel of the Lord...) resumes. The Paschal Candle is kept with honour in the baptistery. Outside Easter Time the Paschal Candle should not be kept in the sanctuary nor should it be lit, except for the celebrations of Baptism and funerals.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION AND CELEBRATIONS

First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2021

CONFIRMATION - THURSDAY 15 JULY AT 7-30PM

I am delighted to inform you that, subject to the planned easing of restrictions being confirmed, we now have a date for Confirmation for our Y6 pupils. The celebration will take place on Thursday 15 July at 7.30pm in – Sacred Heart and St. Patrick.

The preparation for this Sacrament has been completed.

FIRST CONFESSION – SATURDAY 17 JULY AT 12 NOON

Y3 Catholic Pupils - The Sacred Heart school will prepare your child as follows. Confession Workshops for CHILDREN ONLY will be held in school and we extend a warm welcome to children from the Good Shepherd. The sessions are 1hr and start promptly at 3.45pm:
DATES: Tuesday 15 June 2021 / 22 June / 29 June / 5 July / 13 July. Confessions Celebration for all children – 12 noon Saturday 17 July in Sacred Heart and St. Patrick's Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - SUNDAY 18 JULY 9-30AM

Y4 and Y5 Catholic Pupils – 1st Holy Communion Preparation

I am delighted to advise that we now have a date for the celebration of First Holy Communion - Sunday 18 July 9.30am at Good Shepherd Mytholmroyd and 11.00am Sacred Heart & St Patrick's Church Sowerby Bridge.

If your child is a baptised Catholic, has made their First Confession, they can continue their sacramental journey by making First Communion - Due to the pandemic, the Sacrament will be celebrated by the children in both Y4 and Y5.

Communion Workshops for CHILDREN from both parishes will be held at Sacred Heart Voluntary Academy Sowerby Bridge. The session will last about 1 hr.

- Monday 14 June (prompt 3:45pm start) /
- Monday 21 June / Monday 28 June / Monday 5 July

First Communion Celebration – Sunday 18 July 9:30am Good Shepherd and 11am Sacred Heart & St Patrick's Church. Be aware that there is an expectation that your child also attends Sunday Mass each week during their preparation. Currently you can book attendance at Mass via the Parish website.

REGARDING THE CHANGES TO THE LAW CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES

General Register Office (GRO) A brief summary of the changes are that:

- 1) There will no longer be any "blue forms" issued to the couple by the Registry Office. Marriages will be registered solely by the Register Office electronically.
- 2) Instead the couple will be issued with a "Marriage Schedule" - a similar but slightly different document from the previous form.
- 3) On the wedding day, the only document to be signed is this Marriage Schedule (Marriage Registers will no longer be used).
- 4) The signed and completed Marriage Schedule is then to be returned to the Registry Office within 21 days. This is a legal duty.
- 5) After 04 May 2021 only the Registry Office can issue any Marriage Certificates
- 6) There will no longer be any Bound Registers. These Registers are to be closed from 04 May. Marriage Registers and any unused Certificates must be returned to Calderdale Register Office, Spring Hall, Huddersfield Rd.

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.

COUNSELLING SERVICE Catholic Care are offering a free and confidential counselling service to members of our Catholic community on 0113 388 5400, 0773 997 5008

TUESDAY PRAYER VIA ZOOM AT 12.00 NOON 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: 23 May Anne & Michael Plunkett / 30 May Patricia Newman

BEREAVEMENT RETREAT – LIVING WITH LOSS, 21 – 23 May, 2021 led by Abi & John May. The aim of this retreat is to better equip ourselves to deal with life-changing loss. The offering is £160 for the weekend with full board and en-suite accommodation. For further details, telephone: 01943 607287.

NEW CONTACT DETAILS FOR FR JOHN

Valley View Care Home: 01422 355660 or New mobile (DM): 07856 974301

FIELD NOTES In these days that lead from the Ascension to Pentecost the scriptures become a meditation on Christ's continuing presence with his people in the Church. The Acts of the Apostles, in recalling the election of Matthias to take the place of Judas, reminds us of a Church that is constantly renewed despite human infirmity. Peter clearly outlined the qualities that would be necessary. "We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord was travelling around with us, someone who was with us from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us." Although Peter's words referred specifically to the apostle who would take Judas's place, they can be taken in a more general sense to describe the fulfilment of every Christian life. The defining quality of the apostle would be his closeness to the Lord. He would have been with the Lord Jesus from the very beginning, one whose every action would flow from this intimate bond between the master and his disciple.

As Christians we share this same calling in different ways. Our lives as Christians in the family, the Church and society, will be fruitless unless they are rooted in this familiar communion with the Lord. Through prayer and the holy sacraments, we begin to live the presence of God in our world. What we do may, or may not, impress the world. The only thing that truly matters is that through us the presence of Christ begins to touch the world. This is quite impossible if we remain strangers in his presence. At the deepest level our lives are rooted in God's life. We live not for ourselves, but as those who have been entrusted by the Father to the Son. The unfolding of our days, haphazard though it seems, is lived out beneath a loving providence.

"I kept those you have given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost, except the one who chose to be lost."

Prayer links us to the communion described by Jesus. Here we find the belonging that makes sense of our lives. Only from this communion would the disciples be enabled to face the inevitable conflicts that their ministry would bring.

"I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world."

The "world" to which Jesus refers is a world turned in on itself. In its fruitless search for belonging it surrenders itself to its own self-indulgence, measuring everything in terms of its own satisfaction. This is not the world created by God. When we allow the prayer of Jesus to speak to our hearts, we are faced with a decision that will inform all the choices that life brings. Do we choose the life-giving communion that has called our lives into being, or do we serve the contradictions of a divided world? Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, Jesus sends us into such a world. It is through our communion with him that we bring healing to our world.

Go to YouTube – Search for

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus · Rowland H. Pritchard

Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour · St. Paul's Cathedral Choir

It is good to be together...

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

If you have a petition and would like it to be included contact Fr Larkin by email at pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in this circumstance, and recognise the many blessings that motherhood brings. 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.

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.