

The Good Shepherd

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PENTECOST

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

| Sunday 23 May | 9.30 AM | PENTECOST SUNDAY | Missa pro populo | GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH |
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| Mon 24 May | | Our Lady, Mother of the Church | PRIVATE MASS | Sowerby Bridge |
| Tues 25 May | | St Bede the Venerable | | |
| Wed 26 May | 12.00 NOON | St Philip Neri | Paul Burns | GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH |
| Thur 27 May | | OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST | | |
| Fri 28 May | | Weekday in Ordinary Time | PRIVATE MASS | Sowerby Bridge |
| Sat 29 May | 10.00AM | Weekday of Easter | November Dead List 2021 | GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH |
| Sunday 30 May | 9.30 AM | THE MOST BLESSED TRINITY | 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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION AND CELEBRATIONS

First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation

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. I am unable to advise on the numbers of people (friends and family) who will be permitted to join us on the evening.

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 will last approximately 1 hr and the dates / Time (prompt 3:45pm start):

· 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 Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - SUNDAY 18 JULY 9:30AM

Y4 and Y5 Catholic Pupils – 1st Holy Communion Preparation 2021

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 - This year 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 2021 (prompt 3:45pm start) / · Monday 21 June 2021

· Monday 28 June 2021 / Monday 5 July 2021

· 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.

FOR THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis published the Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, with the aim 'to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal'. In every situation, Joseph declared his own "fiat", like those of Mary at the Annunciation and Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

In his role as the head of a family, Joseph taught Jesus to be obedient to his parents (cf. *Lk 2:51*), in accordance with God's command (cf. *Ex 20:12*).

During the hidden years in Nazareth, Jesus learned at the school of Joseph to do the will of the Father. That will was to be his daily food (cf. *Jn 4:34*). Even at the most difficult moment of his life, in Gethsemane, Jesus chose to do the Father's will rather than his own, becoming "obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (*Phil 2:8*). The author of the Letter to the Hebrews thus concludes that Jesus "learned obedience through what he suffered" (5:8). All this makes it clear that "Saint Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood" and that in this way, "he cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation and is truly a minister of salvation."

To mark this special Year, the Pope has approved the inclusion of seven new titles to be used in the Litany of St Joseph. These new invocations are drawn from the interventions of the Popes who have reflected on aspects of the figure of the Patron of the Universal Church. The new invocations, originally in Latin, are as follows and could be translated as: Guardian of the Redeemer, Servant of Christ, Minister of salvation, Support in difficulties, Patron of exiles, Patron of the afflicted and Patron of the poor.

We need only ask Saint Joseph for the grace of graces: our conversion.

Let us now make our prayer to him:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS was launched so that we can reach a far wider audience of people with the latest pro-life news that will keep people informed and help change even more hearts and minds on life issues. Pro-life news website is already the most viewed pro-life website in Europe and the fourth most viewed pro-life website in the world - and this digital news platform has been built to enable us to reach even more people.

As part of our efforts to spread pro-life news, follow the link:

<https://righttolife.org.uk/news>

DIOCESE OF LEEDS - REVISED FOR USE AFTER 17TH MAY 2021 – STEP 3 GOVERNMENT ROADMAP OUT OF LOCKDOWN HANDS – FACE – SPACE – VENTILATE

The following guidance assumes that the established diocesan requirements for churches to be open are in place. In particular, the maximum safe operating capacity of the church (in our case 35) must continue to be observed and the number and position within the church of people attending at any one time should be overseen by volunteer stewards.

This revised guidance has been prepared following discussions with officials from Public Health England and HM Government Places of Worship Task Force. Key to implementation of this guidance is the Government's understanding of moving away from centralised detailed regulation to prudent local judgements. The Prime Minister stated on 10 May 2021 "... today we are taking a step towards that moment when we learn to live responsibly with Covid – when we cease eventually to rely on detailed government edicts, and make our own decisions – based on the best scientific advice – about how to protect our families and those around us."

The guidance incorporates the directives for the celebration of Mass drafted by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales in consultation with the Government's Office of the Chief Medical Officer; it also complies with the Government's latest revised guidance¹ (14 May 2021) for the safe use of places of worship and special religious services and gatherings during the pandemic.

Face Coverings In England, face coverings are required by law to be worn in places of worship. The presiding celebrant in the sanctuary, providing they are sufficiently distant (2m or more) from the congregation, does not need to wear a face covering.

Social Distancing and the Limitation on Numbers Attending Mass In the Diocese of Leeds, the following guidance should be maintained: The 2m social distancing requirements should be applied wherever possible. Good ventilation of the sacred space (especially during and between services) remains important.

Wherever possible, worshippers should continue to try to limit their interactions with, and maintain social distancing from, anyone outside of the household or support bubble with whom they are attending corporate worship.

Places of worship should always consider the prevailing local conditions for the virus. Special consideration should be given to the 'R number', the prevalence of new variants of the virus, local rates of hospital admissions and any local public health advice. Should a higher transmission risk result from an increase in prevalence of any covid-19 variants of concern in a parish's local area, advice should be sought from the Diocesan Health and Safety Officer.

Managing Church Access Parishes should continue to operate the registration arrangements which they have in place for those wishing to attend the celebration of Mass at weekends and at liturgies where the numbers may need to continue to be restricted to

the safe capacity of the church (i.e., funeral liturgies) or limited to a specific number (i.e., Weddings etc.).

Methods for track and trace (QR Codes or Booking systems for liturgies) should be in place. Individuals entering churches should take responsibility for track and trace (via scanning QR codes) and each church should display these prominently.

Congregational Singing, Choirs and Music The cumulative effect of aerosol exhalation from singing creates a higher risk of COVID-19 transmission. Indoor congregational singing therefore remains prohibited at Step 3 of the Government's 'Roadmap out of Lockdown'. Further guidance from Public Health England is expected before the 21 June, Step 4, date is reached.

Liturgy of the Word Readers should avoid touching the microphones or the Lectionary during the Liturgy of the Word. Providing the lectern is sufficiently distant from the congregation, readers may remove their face coverings at the lectern to read but should replace them before stepping away from it. The Prayer of the Faithful can be reintroduced.

The Communion Rite The physical exchange of a Sign of Peace remains suspended at this time as it is not a necessary part of the Mass and would mean the physical engagement with people outside their family groups or bubbles. Clergy should therefore omit the invitation to offer the sign of peace, prior to the *Agnus Dei*. This will be kept under review though as we continue the journey towards easing restrictions.

Cleaning of Churches General cleaning to a good standard, using generally available cleaning fluids and detergents, with attention to frequent touchpoints is the standard to continue. This is consistent with the latest evidence. This guidance is produced to clarify these points given recent scientific evidence. While the virus can land on surfaces and can infect people if they touch those surfaces and then touch their mouth, nose or eyes, this risk is lower than the risk from aerosol or droplet spread. There are several key things which churches and parishes have been doing, and should continue to do, which significantly reduce this risk: On entering and leaving the church, everyone should be asked to use the hand sanitiser product provided at the entrance and exits of the church. Ensuring people wear face coverings properly will reduce aerosol or droplet spread. Ventilating buildings well. Maintaining a good general standard of routine cleaning using usual cleaning detergents is sufficient for regular use. If someone has tested positive for Covid-19 who has used your church premises in the last 24 hours, and you are aware of this, then you should ensure the building is cleaned thoroughly using ordinary detergents. That does **not** mean a "deep clean", which is not necessary.

REMEMBER, if your health is not good and you are vulnerable, if you have a cough or cold or temperature you should stay at home.

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.

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.

The return of the Marriage Schedule to the local Register Office is a legal duty.

5) After 04 May 2021 only the Registry Office can issue any Marriage Certificates (i.e. no issue of a Certificate on the day of the wedding nor any duplicate Certificates of previous marriages in our churches).

6) There will no longer be any need for Bound Registers. These Registers are to be closed from 04 May. Existing Marriage Registers and any unused Certificates and quarterly return forms must be returned to Calderdale Register Office, Spring Hall, Huddersfield Rd.

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 contact us on 0113 388 5400, 0773 997 5008 or email counselling@catholic-care.org.uk

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.leadstrinity.ac.uk/ or email h.hayward@leadstrinity.ac.uk

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

TUESDAY PRAYER VIA ZOOM AT 12.00 NOON May 25 John & Cathy Duffy / June 1 Deborah & Roger / June 8 Maureen & Frank Flynn / June 15 Jean & David Marsh / June 22 Nick Burchnall / June 29 Janet Almond / July 6 Patricia & Paul Newman / July 13 Anne & Mike Plunkett / July 20 Bernadette & John Gibson

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

CHASING THE WIND – PHILOSOPHY, THE BIBLE, AND THE PROBLEM OF EVIL A series of 5 talks by Dr Gregory Stacey, exploring accessible responses to the claim that the existence of evil makes belief in God irrational, will take place via Zoom on Monday nights from 7-8pm, beginning on 14 June. For information and Zoom invitations, please email gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. Poster attached.

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.

LIVE-STREAMING OF MASSES ONLINE

DAILY MASS FROM LEEDS CATHEDRAL

YouTube channel: www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk

SALFORD CATHEDRAL – MASS AT 11.00am Sunday go to:

<http://www.salfordcathedral.co.uk/>

CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING, LIVERPOOL

Watch from 11am Sunday on Facebook page and YouTube channel.

MONASTIC LITURGIES 10.00am Sunday Mass can be found at the Benedictine, Glenstal Abbey, Limerick, www.glenstal.com/abbey/liturgy-prayer/church-web-cam

ST MARY'S CHURCH, HALIFAX

Go to stmaryshalifax.com 9.30am daily and Sunday @ 11.00am

FR DENIS MCBRIDE C.SS.R. Each Sunday service will be accessed through the website below
www.rpbooks.co.uk/holy-mass-online

NATIONAL SHRINE AT WALSINGHAM

www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/

Ss PETER AND PAUL CHURCH, PORTLAOISE, IRELAND

Daily Mass @ 10.00am <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jy89Co1szkA>

NEW CONTACT DETAILS FOR FR JOHN

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