

The Good Shepherd

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THE MOST BLESSED TRINITY

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

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| Sunday 30 May | 9.30 AM | THE MOST BLESSED TRINITY | Missa pro populo | GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH |
| Mon 31 May | | THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | PRIVATE MASS | Sowerby Bridge |
| Tues 01 June | | St Justin, Martyr | | |
| Wed 02 June | 12.00 NOON | Weekday in Ordinary Time | Harry & Tess Bush | GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH |
| Thur 03 June | | Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs | | |
| Fri 04 June | | Weekday in Ordinary Time | PRIVATE MASS | Sowerby Bridge |
| Sat 05 June | 10.00AM | St Boniface, Bishop and Martyr | November Dead List 2021 | GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH |
| Sunday 06 June | 9.30 AM | CORPUS CHRISTI | 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, Bishop Marcus has granted me the faculty to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Here is the text of the letter –

To our beloved brother in Christ, **The Reverend Father Malachy Larkin** Parish Priest of the Parishes of the Sacred Heart and Saint Patrick, Sowerby Bridge and the Good Shepherd, Mytholmroyd. I hereby grant, in accordance with Canon 884 81 of the Code of Canon Law, the faculty to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to those candidates who have been suitably and properly instructed (Canon 889 82 and 890) on: Thursday 15 July 2021 Given at Leeds on the 4 May, in the Year of Our Lord 2021, Bishop Marcus.

Subject to the planned easing of restrictions being confirmed, we will celebrate Confirmation for our Y6 pupils. Can you please ensure that the person your son/daughter has asked to be their sponsor is advised of the date/time, however, at the moment, we are 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 - sessions will last 1 hr and the dates / Time (prompt 3:45pm start): · Tuesday 15 June 2021 / 22 June / 29 June / 5 July / 13 July. Confessions 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

We will celebrate First Holy Communion - Sunday 18 July 9:30am at Good Shepherd Mytholmroyd. 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 School Sowerby Bridge. The session will last 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. 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.

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

DIOCESE OF LEEDS - 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 30) 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.

The limit on attendance at funerals is now the safe capacity of the Church building.

Baptisms and weddings may take place with a maximum of 30 people present.

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. 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. Methods for track and trace (QR Codes or Booking systems for liturgies) should be in place.

Congregational Singing, Choirs and Music Indoor congregational singing 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.

The Communion Rite The physical exchange of a Sign of Peace remains suspended at this time, clergy should omit the invitation to offer the sign of peace, prior to the *Agnus Dei*. This will be kept under review.

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. 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.

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>

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. 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

TUESDAY PRAYER VIA ZOOM AT 12.00 NOON

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: June 6 Dorothy Burns, June 13 Janet Almond, June 20 Maureen & Frank Flynn
June 27 Liz Bavidge, July 4 Jean & David Marsh July 11 Katie Binns, July 18 Kay Pierce, July 25 Rita Alston

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.

FIELD NOTES

Today we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity, the revelation of the mystery of God's inner life. This mystery will remain for all of us as long as we live in this world, even though the veil which covers it is lifted ever so little. The bible assures us that not only is our God a personal God, but God exists as three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, while remaining one God. Although we cannot even begin to give a logical explanation for this, our faith enables us in some small measure to experience the presence of God.

The figure three symbolises completeness and perfect symmetry, and re-appears at all the key moments of the Christ story, for the life of Jesus constantly reflected the Trinity of God. The Holy Trinity, the mystery we celebrate today, is beyond the reach of time and the grasp of human reasoning. Three figures make up the nativity scene in Bethlehem—the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Their first visitors were the three wise men. Later, in the desert preparing to begin his public life, Jesus was tempted three times by the devil. A good story should have a beginning, a middle and an end. Christ was a storyteller par excellence and three figures prominently in his parables. The Prodigal Son is about a father and his two sons; the Good Samaritan tells of the behaviour of three passers-by, the priest, the Levite and the Samaritan; the sower sowed his seed in three different types of terrain, yielding three different levels of harvest. The end of his life, as the beginning, has again the three motif. During his Passion, Peter denied him thrice. On the road to Calvary, he fell three times. The crucifixion scene has three figures, Christ between two thieves. Before his resurrection, he spent three days in the tomb.

In the majestic departure scene at the end of today's gospel which relates to us Jesus' final earthly moments and the great commission to the Church: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (19-20).

The great apostolic commission implies a service that is pastoral: Baptism is the means of entrance into the community of the risen one, the Church. "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit": This is perhaps the clearest expression in the New Testament of Trinitarian belief.

There are Three Persons in the Trinity, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit. Together they represent the fullness of love. The Father loves the Son; the Son loves the Father. The Holy Spirit is their love for each other. We are made in the image of a triune God. God the Father, who created us, his Son who saved us, and the Holy Spirit who continues to guide us. Our lives should reflect the Trinity. We should be creative like the Father, compassionate like his Son, and dispose our talents in the service of others like the Holy Spirit.

Go to YouTube – Search for

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Picardy) · Choir of King's College, Cambridge

I Bind unto Myself Today - Hymn of St. Patrick

It is good to be together...

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves on 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, 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.

NEW CONTACT DETAILS FOR FR JOHN

New mobile (DM): 07856 974301