

# The Good Shepherd

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## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**MASSES DURING THE WEEK** Readings and Mass texts visit [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

Sunday 13 June	9.30 AM	ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 14 June		Weekday in Ordinary Time	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Tues 15 June		Weekday in Ordinary Time		
Wed 16 June	12.00 NOON	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Dead List 2021	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thur 17 June		Weekday in Ordinary Time		
Fri 18 June		Weekday in Ordinary Time	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Sat 19 June	10.00AM	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Dead List 2021	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 20 June	9.30 AM	TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	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](mailto:pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

### **STAGE FOUR OF LOCKDOWN EASING ON 21 JUNE**

For what it is worth, my view is that the PM will be choosing to delay full unlocking. At the moment the R-number is already at 1.6, this is higher than late December 2020. Also, the more significant characteristic of the Delta variant is that one vaccine dose is effective against it, though two doses provides good protection. And that good protection takes 2 or 3 weeks to develop after the second dose. So with all vulnerable groups targeted to have both doses by 21 June, the PM would want to add a fortnight to that date before fully unlocking. Also another fortnight of data will help see if the increase infections are translating into significantly increased hospitalisations.

Be reassured that I will continue to follow the guidance from the diocese and the government. We will not rush to unlock; we will be cautious moving forward.

**PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JUNE 2021** The Beauty of Marriage: Let us pray for people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

### **RE-STOCKING ST VINCENT'S SHOPS AND DEPOT**

The SVP have received an urgent appeal from Annette Haigh the manager of the all the shops in Leeds CC for furniture – large and small for both Leeds and Bradford Stores plus other items to sell as well. items such as– beds, wardrobes, drawers, living room furniture, sofas, and small items – bedside cabinets, coffee tables etc. which can be taken directly into the shops. For goods to be collected contact 0113 245 0800 for Leeds or 01274 726 790 for Bradford. Also a need for volunteers in the shops for even a short time, volunteer drivers and driver's mates, people to man the phones and sort goods in St Vincent's Bradford contact 01274 726 790 if interested.

**ST PAUL'S BOOKSHOP** The shop at Hinsley Hall, Leeds will re-open, initially on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am – 4pm. Address - Phone - 0113 261 8000

### **THE BRIERY**

**The God who speaks through families in the bible** 19 June 2021 led by Breda Theakston & Jean Marsh. The offering is £35 for this day's retreat and includes morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea with cake. For further details please telephone: 01943 607287.

**Following Jesus – discipleship in the new testament** 12 -17 July – Fr Donald Senior, CP, presents a live streamed retreat. Participants can be residential at the Briery from 12-17 July with full board and en-suite accommodation (offering £400) or receive the link at home (offering £200). For further details and a booking form please telephone: 01943 607287.

**TUESDAY PRAYER VIA ZOOM AT 12.00 NOON** 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

**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

### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION AND CELEBRATIONS**

First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation

**CONFIRMATION - THURSDAY 15 JULY AT 7:30PM** – Sacred Heart and St. Patrick.

**FIRST CONFESSION – SATURDAY 17 JULY AT 12 NOON**

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**

Sunday 18 July 9:30am at Good Shepherd Mytholmroyd and

11.00am Sacred Heart & St Patrick's Church Sowerby Bridge.

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.

### **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](mailto:gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk). Poster attached.

**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 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

### **FORTHCOMING ORDINATIONS TO THE DIACONATE AND PRIESTHOOD**

Please pray for:

- Mr James Aitchison, a Candidate for the Permanent Diaconate from the Parish of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Huddersfield, who will be Ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday 3 July 2021, 11:00am at Leeds Cathedral. Please support James with your prayers.
- Rev Christopher Butler as he prepares for his Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday 17 July 2021, 11:00am at Leeds Cathedral. Please put the date in your diary and, support Christopher with your prayers.

**FR JOHN** 64, Erringden Road, Mytholmroyd, HX7 5AR  
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## FIELD NOTES

The growth of plants, trees, flowers and grass, takes place very quietly and slowly, without our knowing. This growth permeates three of the four readings for this Sunday.

Today Jesus speaks about the mystery of growth. A farmer scatters seed on the good soil of Galilee. Having done the sowing, all he can do is attend to other things, while the seed takes over and does its own work, producing first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear, until the crop is ready for harvest. In the parable the farmer does not know how all this happens. Between his actions of sowing the seed and harvesting the crop nature takes over in a way that he does not fully understand. There is a great deal in our world which we do not fully understand, in spite of the great progress over the centuries on all aspects of science.

There is a reassuring message here for any who are discouraged by the slow progress of goodness in the world. The spreading of God's reign is ultimately the work of God... and that work is going on even when we do not see it or understand it. We have a part to play, just as the farmer has a role to play in the coming of the final harvest. However, that first parable in the gospel warns us against overestimating our role. St Paul expresses this perspective well, 'Neither the one who plants, nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.'

The second parable in today's gospel reminds us that God can be at work in surprising ways and places. There is a stark contrast between the tiny mustard seed... Insignificant beginnings can lead to a wonderful result. The kingdom of God is like that; it often is expressed initially in what is small and seemingly insignificant. We can feel that our own faith is as small as a mustard seed. Jesus assures us that the Spirit is working in and through such faith. Our various efforts can seem to bear very insignificant results. The parable assures us that the final harvest from those efforts will be abundant.

We must learn to be content with the small contribution that we ourselves can make towards a better world. The kingdom of God is being worked out in quiet and humble ways. We need to learn to appreciate little things and small gestures. We may not have to be heroes or martyrs, but we are called to put a little dignity into our own little corner of the world. There are little seeds of the kingdom that all of us can sow, a friendly gesture towards someone in trouble, a welcoming smile for someone who is alone.

We must never forget that it is the Lord who sows, the Lord who waters, the Lord who reaps the harvest. We are merely servants in the vineyard.

## Go to YouTube – Search for

Seek Ye First - Maranatha! Music [with lyrics]  
Parable · M.D. Ridge by The Orchard Enterprises  
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 from 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:** Mgr. John F Mulligan,  
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](mailto:pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)**

## **PRAY FOR:**

**THE SICK** Maureen O'Reilly, 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.