

The Good Shepherd

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Sunday 20 June	9.30 AM	TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 21 June		St Aloysius Gonzaga	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Tues 22 June		SS JOHN FISHER, BISHOP AND THOMAS MORE, MARTYRS		
Wed 23 June	12.00 NOON	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Dead List 2021	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thur 24 June		THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST		
Fri 25 June		Weekday in Ordinary Time	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Sat 26 June	10.00AM	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	Michael O'Rourke YB	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 27 June	9.30 AM	OUR LADY OF UNFAILING HELP, PRINCIPAL PATRON OF THE DIOCESE *	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

* This celebration replaces the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time with the permission of the Bishop

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please submit notices (by Wednesday 8pm) - to Fr Larkin by email at pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

LOCKDOWN EASING The PM has confirmed that he will delay the lifting of all Covid restrictions by four weeks to 19 July 2021.

DIOCESE OF LEEDS

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. The limit on attendance at Weddings & Funerals is the safe capacity of the Church building.

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.

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 and at liturgies where the numbers may need to continue to be restricted to the safe capacity of the church. QR Codes & Booking systems for liturgies should be in place.

Congregational Singing, Choirs and Music Indoor congregational singing remains prohibited.

The Communion Rite The physical exchange of a Sign of Peace remains suspended at this time. This will be kept under review.

Cleaning of Churches General cleaning to a good standard, using generally available cleaning fluids, with attention to frequent touchpoints is the standard to continue. 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.

FR JOHN wishes to thank parishioners for their great kindness and above all for their prayers. He has enjoyed reading the many cards sent to him for his 83rd birthday & his 65th Anniversary of his priesthood along with general "Get Well" cards - all of which have lifted his spirits considerably.

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TUESDAY PRAYER VIA ZOOM AT 12.00 NOON June 22 Nick Burchnall /
June 29 Janet Almond / July 6 Patricia & Paul Newman / July 13 Anne & Mike Plunkett
/ July 20 Sean Morris

NEW RESOURCES The 12-session course on the Scriptures by Fr Mark Jarmuz is now available in audio format, his Eastertide course 'Encountering the Risen Jesus' and a new 6-session course on the documents of the Second Vatican Council are now available online: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/finding-out-more/resources>

THE LEEDS CCRS A new course, exploring Catholic faith, education, and spirituality, will be offered by the Diocese and Leeds Trinity University from Autumn 2021. An online information evening, on 22 June (7-8pm), will introduce the course in detail. For links or more information, email gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION AND CELEBRATIONS

First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation

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

Subject to the continuation of restrictions, 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, I will have to take advice on the numbers of (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. 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.

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

· Monday 21 June 2021 / · Monday 28 June 2021 / Monday 5 July 2021

At the moment, I will have to take advice on the numbers of (friends and family) who will be permitted to join us. · First Communion – Sunday 18 July 9:30am Good Shepherd.

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 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

THE BRIERY 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 email: briery@btconnect.com or telephone: 01943 607287.

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. More details about the possibility of attending the Ordination will be available in due course.
- 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.

FIELD NOTES

**PASTORAL LETTER ON THE INCLUSION OF PERSONS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES
12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 19TH AND 20TH JUNE 2021**

Over the last few days, 'Learning Disabilities Week' has been observed nationally. Indeed, throughout the year there are several days and weeks that are assigned to heighten awareness in civil society of various disabilities and health issues. There is a danger though that these public information events come and go without a lasting impact. As Catholics, our concern for all men and women derives not from these civil awareness days but springs from the heart of our Christian faith.

Our Lord Jesus Christ brought hope and healing to those who found themselves marginalised by poverty, sickness, and disability. As disciples of the Lord, and in imitation of him, we are called to provide hope and healing to others; and this demands the personal witness of each of us. The Gospel teaches us that all human life is sacred, that every person is created in the image and likeness of God and, therefore, a person's worth and dignity cannot be diminished by any physical or mental condition.

In Pope Francis' message for the last 'International Day of Persons with Disabilities', he stated that if our world is to honour the human dignity which is proper to all men and women, then "the inclusion of the vulnerable must also entail efforts to promote their active participation" in our society.

Certainly, a good degree of progress has been made to improve the inclusion of people living with disabilities in the workplace and other areas of society, yet many still feel that "they exist without belonging and without participating". Inclusive laws and processes are not enough. People who live with disabilities need to have not only legal rights and opportunities, but they also need to feel they truly belong to their community and participate in its life.

“From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh ...And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here” said St Paul in his second letter to the Corinthians. In the newness of life brought to the world by Christ’s life, death and resurrection, we have been given a new set of standards. As disciples of Christ, we are called to look at things not by the standards which the world uses but to see far beyond them.

Pope Francis has expressed this radical viewpoint in these words: “We are called to recognize in every person with disabilities, even complex and serious disabilities, a unique contribution to the common good through their original life stories. Recognizing the dignity of each person, knowing that it does not depend on the functionality of the five senses. The Gospel teaches us this conversion. We need to develop antibodies against a culture that considers some lives first-class and others second-class: this is a social sin!”

Just like every baptized person, you who live with disabilities have been given a share in the priestly, prophetic and kingly functions of our Lord Jesus Christ. Your personal call to holiness means that you too, according to your talents and capacity, are called to use your unique God-given gifts to build up Christ’s Body, the Church. Without your witness, the Body of Christ is incomplete.

Over the last few months, therefore, our Diocese has fostered additional ways for people living with disabilities to participate more fully in the Church’s worship and mission, including engagement with the scriptures, catechesis for children with a variety of disabilities and special needs.

There is though, so much more we can do. And so, with this in mind a framework has been developed which a parish community can use to identify what is being done well already and what other practical changes could be undertaken to improve further the inclusion in its life and worship of persons with disabilities.

As the pandemic restrictions gradually ease and our parish communities gather again more fully, may our parishes be a welcoming home of hope and healing for everyone who visits them.

+ Marcus Bishop of Leeds

Given at Leeds on the 10 June 2021 and appointed to be published through parish electronic distribution systems and websites, within the Diocese on the weekend of 19 and 20 June 2021.

Go to YouTube – Search for

Eternal Father, Strong to Save (Music: Melita, John B. Dykes)

Marilla Ness - Do not be afraid.

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

As we celebrate Father's Day, we pray for all fathers who are expecting a child. That they would find peace in their changing circumstances, and be a source of love and support for the child's mother as they prepare for their child to enter the world. 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 **Annis Peart - Binns** during this period. 15/06/21

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 **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, Maureen O'Reilly, Joanna Delany.

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 Maureen O'Reilly, Kath Fleet, Gez Hodgson. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.