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OUR LADY OF UNFAILING HELP, PRINCIPAL PATRON OF THE DIOCESE

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

Sunday 27 June	9.30 AM	OUR LADY OF UNFAILING HELP	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 28 June		St Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Tues 29 June		SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES		
Wed 30 June	12.00 NOON	First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church	Mgr Peter Moran [LD] YB	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thur 01 July		St Oliver Plunket, Bishop and Martyr		
Fri 02 July		Weekday in Ordinary Time	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Sat 03 July	10.00AM	ST THOMAS, APOSTLE	November Dead List 2021	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 04 July	9.30 AM	FOURTEENTH 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

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS - ATTENDANCE AT MASS ON

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - SUNDAY 18 JULY 09.30AM Good Shepherd.

Due to the fact that the Covid restrictions continue until 19 July 2021 the Mass for Confirmation and First Holy Communion will have to be restricted to only those receiving Confirmation and First Holy Communion. The limit on attendance is the safe capacity of the Church building in our case 30. Thank you for your understanding and for putting our children first – please make other arrangements for THURSDAY 15 JULY AT 7:30PM and for SUNDAY 18 JULY 09.30AM – thank you.

DIOCESE OF LEEDS The PM has delayed the lifting of all Covid restrictions to 19 July 2021. 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.

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 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.

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>

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 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.

Rev Christopher Butler as he prepares for his Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday 17 July 2021, 11:00am at Leeds Cathedral.

THE UNIVERSE IS CLOSING AFTER 160 YEARS The Catholic Universe has had to cease publication. We've been a casualty of Covid. Eighteen months ago, the vast majority of our newspapers were sold in churches. When the churches had to close the implications were catastrophic for us. Nevertheless, we got hard at work building (successfully) direct to the letterbox subscriptions. We created and sold digital subscriptions. We built a new website and added an online Catholic shop. All these were building steadily month after month; however, their impressive growth has not been fast enough and we couldn't run the risk of trading whilst insolvent so the present issue of The Universe (digital link attached) is the very last one. Unless you think differently - that is, unless, we can find a buyer, an investor or sponsor. Maybe you would like to contact either Clive Leach, the Chairman (cwleach@aol.com) or Joe Kelly, the Managing Director (Joseph.kelly@universemediagroup.com) with your views. If you would like a free copy of the - probably - final edition of the Catholic Universe and Catholic Times, click below www.thecatholicuniverse.com/DE/uniedition.pdf

FIELD NOTES The image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is an icon, painted on wood, and seems to have originated around the thirteenth century. Traditionally, the image is also known as “Our Lady of Perpetual Succour.” The icon (about 54 x 41.5 cm) depicts our Blessed Mother Mary, under the title “Mother of God,” holding the Child Jesus.

The influence of Eastern icons in the West, around the 12th and 13th centuries brought a class of icons called *Cardiotissa*, from the Greek word *kardia*, meaning heart. *Cardiotissa* means “having a heart” or showing sympathy and mercy and compassion. In them the face of Our Lady appears full of sorrow, yet supremely dignified in her contemplation of the sufferings of her Son. His passion is represented by angels holding instruments of His passion, most often the cross, the lance, the sponge and the nails. The Our Lady of Perpetual Help icon is of this type.

Some commentators on colour claim that bluish purple became the colour of penance in the Western Church (during Lent and Advent) because purple is a combination of blue and red. The blue reminds us of heaven, to which we wish to arrive by our penance, and the red recalls martyrdom, because all penance requires a dying to oneself. The archangels Gabriel and Michael wore tunics of purple since they carry the instruments of the passion and death of Christ. The figures of the icon are identified with abbreviations of their names and Mary is designated by her chief title to glory: Mother of God.

The Archangels Michael and Gabriel, hovering in the upper corners, hold the instruments of the Passion— St. Michael (in the left corner) holds the spear, the wine-soaked sponge, and the crown of thorns, and St. Gabriel (in the right corner) holds the cross and the nails. The intent of the artist was to portray the Child Jesus contemplating the vision of His Future Passion. Nevertheless, the icon also conveys the triumph of Christ over sin and death, symbolized by the golden background (a sign of the glory of the resurrection) and the manner in which the angels hold the instruments, i.e. like trophies gathered up from Calvary on Easter morning.

In a very beautiful way, the Child Jesus grasps the hand of the Blessed Mother. He seeks comfort from His mother, as He sees the instruments of His passion. The position of Mary’s hands— both holding the Child Jesus (who seems like a small adult) and presenting Him to us— convey the reality of our Lord’s incarnation, that He is true God who became also true man. In iconography, Mary here is the one who guides us to the Redeemer. She also is our Help, who intercedes on our behalf with her Son. The star painted on Mary’s veil, centred on her forehead, highlights her role in the plan of salvation as both the Mother of God and our Mother

According to tradition, after Napoleon’s troops destroyed the Church of St. Matthew in 1812, the image was transferred to the Church of St. Mary in Posterula, which stands at the south end of the Ponte Umberto and remained there for nearly forty years. There, the image was neglected and forgotten.

By divine providence, the forgotten image was rediscovered. In 1866, Saint Pope Pius IX entrusted the image to the Redemptorists, who had just built the Church of St. Alphonsus, on the Via Merulana, a short distance from St. Mary Major, in the city of Rome. To this day, the Church of St. Alphonsus displays the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and welcome pilgrims for prayer. May each of us never hesitate to invoke the prayers and intercession of Our Blessed Mother in time of need.

Go to YouTube – Search for

I'll Sing a Hymn to Mary · Choir of SS Peter, Paul Wantage from Oxon, England
Favourite Catholic Hymns: Daily, Daily Sing to Mary

It is good to be together...

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

“We pray for our Government, that their willingness and ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves in the desire to protect all human life. Lord hear us”

These petitions are taken from parishioners' requests.

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, Maureen O'Reilly.

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 Fr John, Sarah McCann, Robert Morley, Doris Phillips, Barry, Annis Peart-Binns, Aileen Queenan, Thomas Davis, Mary Harwood, Mary Howard, Edna Harwood, Rosa Maria Santos,

CLERGY Remember to keep in your prayers those who are unwell or recovering from sickness at this time, especially Fr John Gott. 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. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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