

The Good Shepherd

Roman Catholic Diocese of Leeds - Registered Charity No. 249404

Royal Fold, New Road, Mytholmroyd, HX7 5EA

Parish Priest: Fr Larkin

Telephone: 01422 832085

Email: Parish Priest: pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Website www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Facebook: [The Good Shepherd](#)

Website: www.thegoodshepherd.org.uk

Safeguarding: [Diocesan Office 0113 261 8069](#)



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 11 July	9.30 AM	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Olena Lylak [LD]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 12 July		Weekday in Ordinary Time	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Tues 13 July		St Maria Goretti, Virgin		
Wed 14 July		REQUIEM MASS	ANNIS PEART-BINNS	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thur 15 July		St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church		
Fri 16 July		Our Lady of Mount Carmel	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Sat 17 July	10.00AM	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	November Dead List 2021	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 18 July	9.30 AM	THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL and FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY	Annis Peart-Binns [LD]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS after surgery to remove part of his colon, he is expected to stay in the Gemelli hospital in Rome for seven days.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

ANNIS PEART-BINNS - MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers Annis and remember also John, all the family and friends at this time. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS –

There will be **NO Wednesday 12noon Mass on 14 July 2021.**

Requiem Mass for Annis Peart-Binns will take place under current restrictions, attendance is by invitation only. The limit on attendance is the safe capacity of the Church building in our case 30.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS –

ATTENDANCE AT MASS:

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 of Confirmation and First Holy Communion will have to be restricted to only those receiving Confirmation and First Holy Communion only. 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.

PLEASE KEEP in your thoughts and prayers the children who are involved in our sacramental preparation this year. Alexander and Angelina who will make their First Confessions on Saturday 17 July and Martha, Florence, Layla, Sol, William B, William H and Angelina who will make their First Holy Communions on Sunday 18 July. Due to restrictions they will only be celebrating with their families, but hopefully later in the year we will be able to hold a Presentation Mass whereby the parish will be able to share in their experience.

FAITH & REASON A Catholic Integration will run from Thursday 5 to Sunday 8 August. The 3-day course will be led by two excellent and experienced lecturers and tutors, who have taught at the Maryvale Institute for many years and worked with many dioceses and seminaries around the UK and abroad. The course will offer lectures and discussion around common themes related to the rationality of the Catholic Faith, dealing with many frequently-asked questions, for example around the relationship of faith and science. We are offering residential options as well as non-residential, for those more local and wishing to drive in daily. The course will go ahead assuming the lifting of Covid restrictions in July. Any bookings will be fully refunded in the event of an inevitable cancellation. More information and registration is at: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/>

GUIDANCE ON COVID The Prime Minister confirmed his intention from 19 July to reopen all remaining businesses, lift limits on gatherings and lift the bulk of rules on wearing a mask. This is a profound shift in attitude from the government. While no final decision on what happens on 19 July will be made until 12 July, the PM said it was time to move away from 'legal restrictions and allow people to make their own informed decisions'. While face masks will no longer be mandatory, the PM suggested that there will still be settings where it would be a good idea to wear one.

Chief Medical Officer Chris Whitty and Chief Scientific Officer Patrick Vallance went further. Chris Whitty said that with cases on the rise, a mask would be a good idea in indoor settings with people you don't know. On this point, Patrick Vallance backed him up.

In light of the announcement from the government that covid restrictions are to be largely lifted from the 19 July, the parish council are meeting on the 20 July to consider how to safely open the church for Mass. We do not expect a return to the normal pre lockdown situation in the first instance but will keep everyone informed as soon as we can as to what the arrangements will be.

Face Coverings are required by law to be worn in places of worship up to 19 July. 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.

Limitation on Numbers Attending Mass should be maintained until 19 July: 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 for those wishing to attend the celebration of Mass and at liturgies where the numbers need to be restricted to the safe capacity of the church. QR Codes & Booking systems should be in place.

Congregational Singing remains suspended - to be kept under review.

The Communion Rite The Sign of Peace remains suspended - to be kept under review.

Cleaning of Churches General cleaning to a good standard, with attention to frequent touchpoints to continue. If someone has tested positive for Covid-19 who has used our church premises in the last 24 hours, then should ensure the building is cleaned thoroughly using ordinary detergents. A "deep clean", 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 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. There is 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.

TUESDAY PRAYER VIA ZOOM AT 12.00 NOON July 13 Anne & Mike / 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>

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: July 11 Katie Binns, July 18 Kay Pierce, July 25 Rita Alston

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.

One of our recent campaigns, such as Equally Human

<https://righttolife.org.uk/equallyhuman>, which aims to protect babies with Down's syndrome, cleft lip, and club foot. As part of our efforts to spread pro-life news, follow the link: <https://righttolife.org.uk/news>

ASK YOUR MP TO VOTE AGAINST ABORTION UP TO BIRTH

The abortion lobby, led by the UK's largest abortion provider, BPAS, has worked with Diana Johnson MP to bring forward an amendment to hijack the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to **introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth** to England and Wales. This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would leave England and Wales with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. We are expecting that this radical proposal will be voted on by MPs this Monday.

Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool that makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to vote against the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds!

www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth

FIELD NOTES There are other journeys in life that are not of our choosing. These are journeys we make because, at some level, we feel we must make them.

Something within us moves us to certain path, to head out in a certain direction. Even though we sense the journey may be difficult, and we may have all kinds of hesitations and reservations about it, nonetheless, we know we have to set out on this path, if we are to be true to ourselves. Yes, we choose to make such a journey, but it is a choice in response to what seems like a call from beyond ourselves or from deep within ourselves.

Such a journey is put before us in today's first reading. Amos was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamore trees in the southern kingdom of Judah. He felt compelled to make a difficult journey into the Northern kingdom of Israel in order to preach the word of God there. It was a most unlikely journey for the likes of Amos. Yet, he also knew that this was a journey he simply had to make. He said 'The Lord... took me from herding the flock and... said "Go".' Amos went. In a similar way, in the gospel, the disciples set out on a journey because they are sent on that journey by Jesus. They set out freely, but in response to a call, a sending.

The experience of Amos and the disciples can be our experience too, setting out on a journey not completely of our choosing. The second reading says that God wants us to live in a certain way, to live our life's journey as Jesus did. Although we often make all kinds of journeys of our own choosing, whether holidays or business or other trips, there is sense in which we try to allow God to guide us to take certain paths and to avoid others, moving us in one direction rather than another. – 'before the world was made', according to St Paul – God wants us to also choose this journey for ourselves, and waits for us to do so. This is not a choice we make once and for all; it is one we are constantly remaking.

The Gospel today is saying two things to us: Each Christian is called not only to be a disciple but also to be an apostle. A disciple (discipulus, from the verb discere, to learn) is one who hears, who accepts and who carries out the teaching of Jesus in his/her life. A disciple follows Jesus, imitates Jesus, becomes a second Christ. An apostle (apostolos) is not only a follower but also an evangeliser. The word comes from a verb which means to be sent on a mission with a message from a superior – an ambassador, an envoy. Every person who has been baptised has this mission and this calling, actively to share their faith with others. We work with Jesus to help people find or recover their freedom.

All our lives we can keep on choosing to surrender to God's purpose for us; we keep setting out on the journey God is calling us to take. If we keep choosing the journey that God has chosen for us in Christ, responding to God's call, this will impact on the many smaller journeys we take in life. We will choose ways that help re-create the image of God's Son in us. We will live in ways that are life-giving for ourselves and for others, in ways that help us to become more fully the person God wants us to be...

Go to YouTube – Search for

O Living Water · Dorcas Smith · Bernadette Farrell

Renew Me, Lord · Bernadette Farrell -

It is good to be together...

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

“We pray for all considering abortion. We pray that the love and support of those around them would encourage the mother to continue with her pregnancy and find peace in what the future holds. Lord hear us”

These petitions are taken from parishioners’ requests.

Robert Morley has finished the radiotherapy - it has helped a great deal. He would like to thank everyone for their prayers. 25/06/21

For **Raymond Smith**: recently diagnosed with cancer and shortly to undergo treatment

For **Gisela Lea-McCann**: for timely resolution of her health issues

For **Sarah McCann**, diagnosed with cancer and undergoing treatment

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 **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: Annis Peart-Binns, Olena Lylak,

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, 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 Canon John Nunan, Fr Éamon McGeough and

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 Annis Peart-Binns, Olena Lylak. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR FR JOHN

Landline: 01422 881190 / Mobile: 07856974301