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The Sacraments



Baptism



Confirmation



Eucharist



Reconciliation



Matrimony



Holy Orders



Anointing of the Sick

THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

Sunday 18 July	9.30 AM	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY	Annis Peart-Binns [LD]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 19 July		Weekday in Ordinary Time	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Tues 20 July		St Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr		
Wed 21 July		St Lawrence of Brindisi	Annis Peart-Binns	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thur 22 July		ST MARY MAGDALENE		
Fri 23 July		ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, PATRON OF EUROPE	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Sat 24 July	10.00AM	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	November Dead List 2021	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 25 July	9.30 AM	SEVENTEENTH 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

PLEASE KEEP in your thoughts and prayers the children who are involved in our sacramental preparation this year. Alexander and Angelina - 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 today Sunday 18 July. Due to restrictions they will only be celebrating with their families.

GUIDANCE ON COVID AFTER THE 19 JULY The Prime Minister's press conference confirmed the final step of the road map, the prime minister urged "extreme caution". He expected people to continue wearing masks and generally not making the full use of the freedoms given. The Prime Minister warned that 'this is not the end of Covid' and that we 'must be cautious' as we take the next step out of the restrictions. Significantly, the PM didn't say the roadmap was 'irreversible', he accepted that he couldn't rule out the reintroduction of restrictions.

This underlines the sense that life isn't going to return to normal for quite a long time and that there will be an autumn and winter increase of infections, accompanied by a rise in other respiratory illnesses. Chris Whitty put a strong emphasis on the need to do everything slowly, also accepting that there is no perfect time to unlock. 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.

With all of the above in mind we are going to be very careful going forward:

Face Coverings are no longer be mandatory but recommended in indoor settings.

Limitation on Numbers the limit on numbers will be reviewed: Good ventilation of the sacred space (during and between services) remains important.

Managing Church Access Parishes will review the registration arrangements. However, the QR Codes & booking systems will remain in place just in case we need them in the winter months.

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 Church 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.

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>

HOPE COMMUNITY VILLAGE Liv and Steve Redmond are having an Open Garden and Afternoon Tea for Hope Community Village on **Sunday 8 August - 12.00 to 6 p.m.**

It is an outdoor event so we will make every effort to keep you safe. As we have not been able to hold any fundraising events for over 18 months, we are really hoping for a sunny day and a successful event. Refreshments and lots of stalls. Please join us. Donations welcome. Liv and Steve Redmond, Higher Earnshaw Water, Blackshawhead, HX7 7JB. Tel. 07787844362

REMEMBERING HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI

The commemoration will take place on Saturday 7 August at 3.00pm on the wavy steps in Bridge Gate, Hebden Bridge centre, by the historic pack horse bridge. It will include the reading of the Hiroshima Peace Declaration by the Mayor of Hebden Royd, songs from local choirs, poems and other readings. Given the expected reduction in Covid-19 restrictions, and that it will be outside, all are welcome to attend.

SEAN MORRIS is organising separately the Manchester ceremony on the 6 August in the Quadrangle behind the main Manchester University building at 10.30am, which all are welcome to attend. It will be in the presence of the Lord Mayor of Manchester and the Director of Manchester Museum.

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/>

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 Today we have a most delightful gospel from St. Luke. It follows immediately – and not by accident – after the healing of a blind man as Jesus enters the city of Jericho, to the northeast of Jerusalem.

The central figure Zacchaeus, who, Luke tells us, was a chief tax collector and a rich man. This is the only reference in Scripture to a 'chief tax collector'. They were seen traitors to their own people by taking their money and giving it to the Roman colonialists occupying their country.

Zacchaeus heard that Jesus was in town and he was very curious to see what Jesus was like. Already we have here an echo the healing of a blind man, because Zacchaeus too wants to see. However, at this stage, it seems to be only a kind of curiosity.

Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus but he did not expect that Jesus would see him. He must have practically fallen out of the tree from surprise when he heard Jesus look in his direction and say, "Zacchaeus, hurry down. I want to stay in your house today." What beautiful words.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will enter his house and dine with him and he with me" (Revelation 3:20).

Zacchaeus could hardly believe his ears. He rushed down and welcomed Jesus into his house. Immediately those around began to grumble. "He has gone to a sinner's house as a guest." Of all the people in Jericho, Jesus picks the house of the one person in the town who was regarded as a social and religious outcast.

Jesus sees beyond the public image to the real person. Zacchaeus may be a chief tax collector but he is ready to give half of his property to the poor and, if he has cheated anyone, he promises to pay them back four times what they lost.

Some commentators read the passage as saying that Zacchaeus has already been making these forms of restitution and sharing his wealth with the poor. In which case, Jesus is able to see beyond the stereotype which makes Zacchaeus the tax collector an outcast. He was not going to the house of a sinner but to that of a good man. Jesus always sees the real person.

Whatever the interpretation, we can see that, though Zacchaeus may have belonged to a discredited profession, his heart was in the right place, in the place of compassion and justice.

And so Jesus tells Zacchaeus that “salvation”, wholeness and integrity has come to his house. In spite of his despised profession he is “a descendant of Abraham” because his behaviour is totally in harmony with the requirements of the Law and in fact goes well beyond it. For Jesus, too, no social status closes the door to salvation. For this is what it means to be a “son of Abraham”, namely, to be a loving, caring person full of compassion and a sense of justice and not just a keeper of ritualistic observances.

Zacchaeus, who had originally just wanted to have a glimpse of Jesus, has now come to see Jesus in a much deeper sense.

A seeing that changed his whole life.

Go to YouTube – Search for

Hymn | For the fruits of his creation | with LYRICS
Ag Críost en Síol (The Seed is Christ's) with Victoria Fraser

It is good to be together... Oremus pro invicem

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for all expectant mothers. We pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends, and local communities, as they journey through this life-changing experience.

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**, recently diagnosed with cancer and shortly to undergo 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.

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