

# The Good Shepherd

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## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Sunday 25 July	9.30 AM	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 26 July		Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Tues 27 July		Weekday of Ordinary Time		
Wed 28 July	12.00 noon	Weekday of Ordinary Time	Annis Peart-Binns [LD]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thur 29 July		St Martha		
Fri 30 July		St Peter Chrysologus	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Sat 31 July	10.00AM	St Ignatius of Loyola	Michael O'Rourke YB	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 01 Aug	9.30 AM	EIGHTEENTH 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)

**PLEASE KEEP** in your thoughts and prayers the children who celebrated the sacraments. Also we pray for Layla and William H, who will make their First Holy Communions soon.

## GUIDANCE ON COVID AFTER THE 19 JULY

With the lifting of most Coronavirus restrictions, the Bishops have issued guidance for parishes to begin to return to a more familiar use of our Churches we have been asked to take things steadily, so that by late September 2021, we will comfortably be less restricted than we are now. The Bishops have decided that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation may be brought back late November 2021. So we continue with our moto "Every day is Sunday".

**GOV.UK - QR Poster Service** Email message to your parish priest.

Thank you for downloading and displaying the official NHS QR code poster. Since April 2021, NHS Test and Trace has issued over 500,000 alerts to individuals who may have been exposed to COVID-19 at a venue they visited. This has made a huge impact on identifying positive cases, breaking chains of transmission and supporting businesses to stay open. Thank you for all your support to make this happen.

**Changes to check-in regulations** Venues are no longer legally required to ask, visitors to "check in" (attendees can scan the NHS QR code poster via the NHS COVID-19 app or provide their contact details). Although it isn't a requirement, you are **strongly encouraged** to retain your NHS QR code poster and maintain your "logbook" containing attendees' contact details. By retain your NHS QR code poster you will help us to identify people who may have the virus.

**General Principles** The key watchwords for the future steps are discernment of local prevailing conditions. Special consideration should be given to rates at which people are being vaccinated in the locality, the prevalence of new variants of the virus, the local rates of hospital admissions and any local public health advice.

There are no longer legal limits on the number of people who can be accommodated in Church buildings, however, we will increase attendance numbers slowly moving from **30 to 40 people** initially.

I would ask you all to continue to use the online booking to reserve to attend the 9.30am Sunday Mass (**Max capacity of 40**) and weekday details will still be taken at the door for as long as the NHS app is active. Also, we will continue to have one-way systems in church. People should exercise good responsible behaviour and should avoid getting too close to each other.

## CONCLUSION

**Face Coverings** no longer be mandatory but a mask would be a good idea in indoor settings.

**Hand sanitiser** still made prominently available for people to use.

**Limitation on Numbers** increase from **30- 40** / Good ventilation of the sacred space

**Managing Church Access** continue to use online booking system and register at the door.

(We still need to know who has attended church)

**Congregational Singing** - to be kept under review.

**The Communion Rite** - the Sign of Peace remains suspended.

**Stewards** - a valuable sign of hospitality

**Cleaning of Church** General cleaning to a good standard, with attention to frequent touchpoints to continue.

It's quite a lot to take in and I'm sure we need to proceed at a pace where everyone is comfortable and that we can respect each other's choices about keeping a certain distance and wearing face coverings.

I would like to express my gratitude to those who have faithfully and routinely assisted with the stewarding and cleaning of our church; this has allowed us to keep the church open and help everyone to feel safe; thank you.

**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.

**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.

**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 25 Rita Alston

**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>

**FIELD NOTES** Some situations seem beyond our abilities to cope. The challenge feels too great to be faced. Today's gospel offers an example of apparent powerlessness. Jesus is faced with a very large crowd of hungry people in a deserted place... they all need to be fed and the resources to feed them don't seem to be there. The sense of being overwhelmed by the task that needs doing is audible in the disciples' comments. Andrew sees that there is a small boy present with five barley loaves and two fish, he asks with a shrug, 'What is that between so many?'

Seeing the hungry crowd and the scarce number of loaves, Jesus was aware of the enormity of the task of feeding them all. But he did not share the apostles' sense of defeatism. He saw that in some way the small boy with the five barley loaves and two fish was the key to feeding five thousand people. We cannot imagine what exactly happened on that day out in the wilderness but it is clear that the small boy with his few barley loaves and a couple of fish played a vital role. It was just enough food for a simple meal for a poor family. Yet the boy was willing to part with his barley loaves and his fish. When he handed them over, Jesus was able to work with the boy's generous gift to feed everyone. One generous boy was the key to feeding the multitude. Through small and willing gifts, something powerful can still happen, in our time.

The Lord needs us to be generous with what we have today if he is to continue to feed the various hungers of today, hunger for food, hunger for shelter, for a home, for friendship, for community, for acceptance. Today's gospel teaches us never to underestimate the significance of even the tiniest efforts we make to be generous.

All of the evangelists see a link between what happened in the desert that day and what happened at the Last Supper and what happens at every Holy Mass. Just as Jesus transformed the small boy's simple gifts of five barley loaves and two fish into a feast for thousands, so he transforms our simple gifts of bread and wine into a spiritual feast for all, the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

The way the Lord works in the Eucharist is how he works in the rest of our lives. He takes the little we offer to him and by means of it, in the words of Saint Paul, he is 'able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.'

### **Go to YouTube – Search for**

Unless a Grain of Wheat · Bernadette Farrell

May the choirs of angels "Song of Farewell" by OCP Session Choir

It is good to be together...



## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

For all going through difficult pregnancies, 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. 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 **Mel**, suffering from sepsis a complicated fracture and ruptured Achilles tendon. She is listed for major surgery and, in her early 40s, at risk of an amputation

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](mailto: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 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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