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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Sunday 01 Aug	9.30 AM	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 02 Aug		Weekday of Ordinary Time	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Tues 03 Aug		St Oswald, Martyr		
Wed 04 Aug	12.00 noon	St John Vianney, Priest	Private Intention	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thur 05 Aug		Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major		
Fri 06 Aug		THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Sat 07 Aug	10.00AM	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	Private Intention	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 08 Aug	9.30 AM	NINETEENTH 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 celebrated the sacraments. Also we pray for Layla and William H, who will make their First Holy Communion today.

DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR/OUR LADY OF THE SNOW

St Mary Major is one of the four Roman basilicas known as patriarchal cathedrals in memory of the first centres of the Church.

St John Lateran represents Rome, the See of Peter; St Paul Outside the Walls, the See of Alexandria, the see presided over by Mark;

St Peter's, the See of Constantinople and St Mary's, the See of Antioch, where Mary is believed to have spent most of her later life.

Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major recalls the proclamation of the doctrine of Mary, Mother of God, by the Council of Ephesus in 431. Pope Sixtus II erected a Basilica on the Esquiline Hill in Rome to honour the Blessed Virgin.

GUIDANCE ON COVID AFTER THE 19 JULY

With the lifting of most Coronavirus restrictions, the Bishops have issued guidance 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 on Sunday 28 November 2021 – the First Sunday of Advent. So we continue with our moto "Every day is Sunday".

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.

I would ask you all to continue to use the online booking 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.

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.

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. 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, do join us at Higher Earnshaw Water, HX7 7JB. Tel. 07787844362

TUESDAY PRAYER VIA ZOOM summer break until Tuesday 7 September 2021

Sept 7 Jean and David Marsh, Sept 14 John and Cathy Duffy

Sept 21 Deborah and Roger Rolland Masters, Sept 28 Maureen and Frank Flynn

Oct 5 Nick Burchnall, Oct 12 Patricia and Paul Newman

Oct 19 Anne and Mike Plunkett

The outcome of the prayer zoom community's discussion on Tuesday July 13 was an agreement to take a break after Sean's session on July 20 until Jean and David's session on September 7. The above is a suggested rota for the first part of next term. Please swap with someone else if you find you are unavailable on the date suggested. We are all aware that we may need to revisit the need to continue if everything opens up again.

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 Rota: 1 August Mary Livesey, 8 August *vacant*, 15 August Liz Bavidge, 22 August Gerry Smith, 29 August Liv Redmond, 5 September Ivy Abram, 12 September Nick Burchnall, 19 September *vacant*, 26 September Barbara Bottomley. Thank you to all who have regularly donated to the Flower Funding Rota. For various reasons we are now missing a number of contributions and would be grateful for more people to offer to be on the Rota. If you are able to help, please contact Doris Moorhead on 01422 842931.

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. The course will offer lectures and discussion around common themes related to the rationality of the Catholic Faith, dealing with the relationship of faith and science. We are offering residential options as well as non-residential. Any bookings will be fully refunded in the event of cancellation.

More information and registration

at: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/>

FIELD NOTES

The Fourth Gospel wants us to go deeper every time “What is it that can last?”

Many things produced today are not made to last. On our journey through life we tend to seek out what might be of lasting value because we sense that it can enrich us and make us better human beings. Having found something of real value we often return to it, whether it is a book, a poem, a piece of music – vinyl or digital, a painting or a building. What we really value are not so much objects or things but people. A good friend is worth more to us than a good book, or a good piece of music, or a good painting. There is nothing more valuable to parents than their children.

For those who are in love, their treasure is the beloved. Everything else is on a much lesser scale of value. Everything else is a distant second. We want the people we value to last forever, which is why the death or the loss of a loved one is such a devastating experience. In today’s gospel the crowds of Jesus fed in the wilderness come back, looking for him, wanting more of this bread he had shared. What they wanted was for Jesus to repeat this action and again and again ... Jesus takes the opportunity to point them towards more enduring. His advice is, ‘do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.’

The horizon of Jesus is not the mere horizon of this world but that of eternity. When he speaks of what truly lasts he means what it is that lasts into eternity. For Jesus what is of lasting value is not just what is remembered for generations into the future, but what will continue to have value in eternity. It is hard to keep that horizon of eternity before us, especially in these times when our universe seems so all absorbing. Yet the horizon of Jesus is the horizon of eternity. Certainly he takes this earthly life very seriously; he has invested himself in showing us how to live in this life, by his teaching. He gave himself over to meeting the basic needs of those he met. He healed the sick; he comforted the bereaved; fed the hungry; befriended the lonely. He told us to do the same. Yet, all the time the backdrop was an eternal horizon.

In living in this way, we are preparing ourselves to live forever.

When Jesus called himself the “way” it is the way to live under God’s influence; he shows us how to live our life as the way to eternal life. His message is about what endures not just into successive generations but into eternity. We were created by God to live forever, Jesus came to show the way to that eternal life and to help us enter it. In a great metaphor, he speaks of himself as the bread of life who feeds us into eternity.

When we wonder about what really lasts, we should think first of Jesus. He is the gateway to enduring life, for ourselves and for all we love and value.

Go to YouTube – Search for

I Am the Bread of Life · Jaime Thietten

'O quam suavis' - from the album 'Stillness and Sweet Harmony

It is good to be together...

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities, we pray for protection for them and their mothers. 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 **David Heap** with ongoing treatment for cancer. His new diagnosis - cancer has now spread to his liver, he is to undergo Chemotherapy.

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

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.