

# The Good Shepherd

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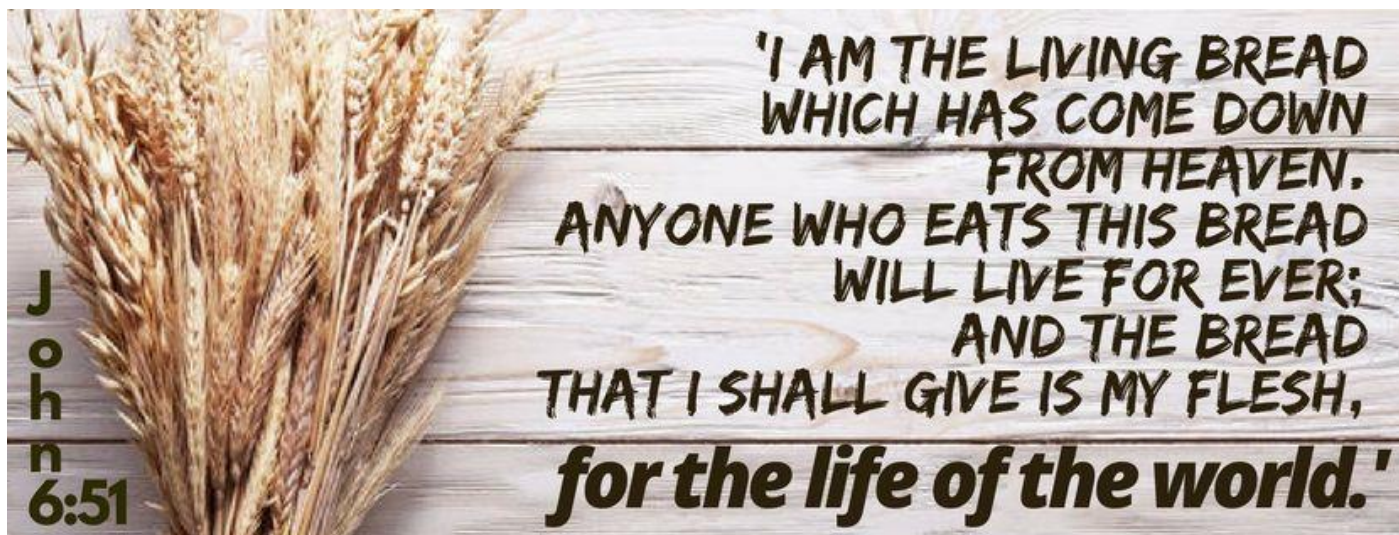
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## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

<b>Sunday 08 Aug</b>	<b>9.30 AM</b>	<b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Missa pro populo</b>
Mon 09 Aug		ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS	PRIVATE MASS SOWERBY BRIDGE
Tues 10 Aug		ST LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR	MASS SOWERBY BRIDGE
<b>Wed 11 Aug</b>	<b>12.00 noon</b>	St Clare, Virgin	<b>Michael O'Rourke YB</b>
Thur 12 Aug		St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious	MASS SOWERBY BRIDGE
Fri 13 Aug		Ss Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs	PRIVATE MASS SOWERBY BRIDGE
Sat 14 Aug	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Saturday Mass of Our Lady</b>	<b>Private Intention</b>
<b>Sunday 15 Aug</b>	<b>9.30 AM</b>	<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	<b>Missa pro populo</b>

## 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 prayers the children who celebrated the sacraments.

Also we pray for Layla and William H, who will make their First Holy Communion today.

**MAY HE REST IN PEACE** Please remember in your prayers Daniel Murphy who died recently. A Funeral Service for Daniel will take place on Thursday 12 August 2021, please also keep his family and friends in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

**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.

**HOPE COMMUNITY VILLAGE** Liv and Steve Redmond are having an Open Garden and Afternoon Tea for Hope Community Village today **Sunday 8 August - 12.00 to 6 p.m.** It is an outdoor event so we will make every effort to keep you safe. Please join us. Donations welcome. Liv and Steve, Higher Earnshaw Water, Blackshawhead, HX7 7JB. Tel. 07787844362

**CATHOLIC CARE VACANCIES** There are many vacancies for employment within Catholic Care, as well as opportunities for volunteering. Please see website: <https://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruitment/latest-vacancies/> for full details.

## 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 will be brought back for the First Sunday of Advent 2021.

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.

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

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

**Limitation on Numbers** increase from **30- 40** / Good ventilation important.

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

**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

I'm sure we need to proceed at a pace where everyone is comfortable and that we can respect each other's choices.

**Remember** if your health is not good and you are vulnerable, if you have a cough or cold or temperature please stay at home.

**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

## FIELD NOTES

The Priest, standing at the altar, takes the paten with the bread and holds it slightly raised above the altar with both hands, saying:

*Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the bread we offer you:  
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,  
it will become for us the bread of life.*

Today's gospel opens with the Jews complaining about Jesus. As far as they were concerned his ordinariness was a problem. This is the son of Joseph, the carpenter from Nazareth; they knew his family and his mother. Yet, here he was claiming to be the bread that came down from heaven. They were scandalized that one of their own could make such claim:

*I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.  
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;  
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'*

In the beginning, when he first met the group of disciples gathered by John the Baptist he invited them to, 'Come and see.' They came, they saw how he lived, and eventually came to believe in him. He urges those who already believe to come closer to him and deepen that love for him. We are always on the way towards him, the Lord keeps calling on us to come closer.

Jesus calls himself the bread that comes down from heaven and calls us to eat this Holy bread of eternal life. The Lord invites us come to him and to feed on his presence, and to feed on his most Holy word. In the Jewish Scriptures bread is often a symbol of the Holy word of God. We may be familiar with the quotation from the Jewish Scriptures, 'we do not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The food of his word will sustain us on our journey through life, just as, in the first reading, the baked scones sustained Elijah, until he reached his destination, the mountain of God. In the most Holy Eucharist, this is where we receive the bread of life and are united to Christ, believing and listening to him. If our communion with him is real, we have his own life within us and it will be something beautiful to be hold. Without this frequent return to the bread of life it is difficult to keep the spirit of Christ alive in our hearts. The most Holy Eucharist is the source of re-creation, a source of new life in us. Here we find new inspiration and vision through the Word of God and the body of Christ. Here we can have our faith renewed and here we are given the strength to live it out.

### **Go to YouTube – Search for**

Psalm 34: Taste and See · Stephen Dean

Unless a Grain of Wheat · Bernadette Farrell

It is good to be together...

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL** We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in this circumstance, and recognise the many blessings that motherhood brings. Lord hear us.

Please keep in your prayers all those priests and deacons in our diocese who are taking up new appointments during the summer months. It is currently a challenging time for all of us, but even more so for those who will be trying to get to know their local community and lead those entrusted to their spiritual and pastoral care as we gradually emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic during the coming months.

**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:** Daniel Murphy, 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** Please remember to keep in your prayers those who are unwell or recovering from surgery, especially Canon John Nunan, Fr Éamon McGeough, Fr Bernard Battle and Fr John Gott. Please support with your prayers also, all the priests and deacons of our diocese who are burdened with long-term illnesses of various kinds and strive to continue to carry out their ministry either in full-time parochial office or in retirement from office.

**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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