

# The Good Shepherd

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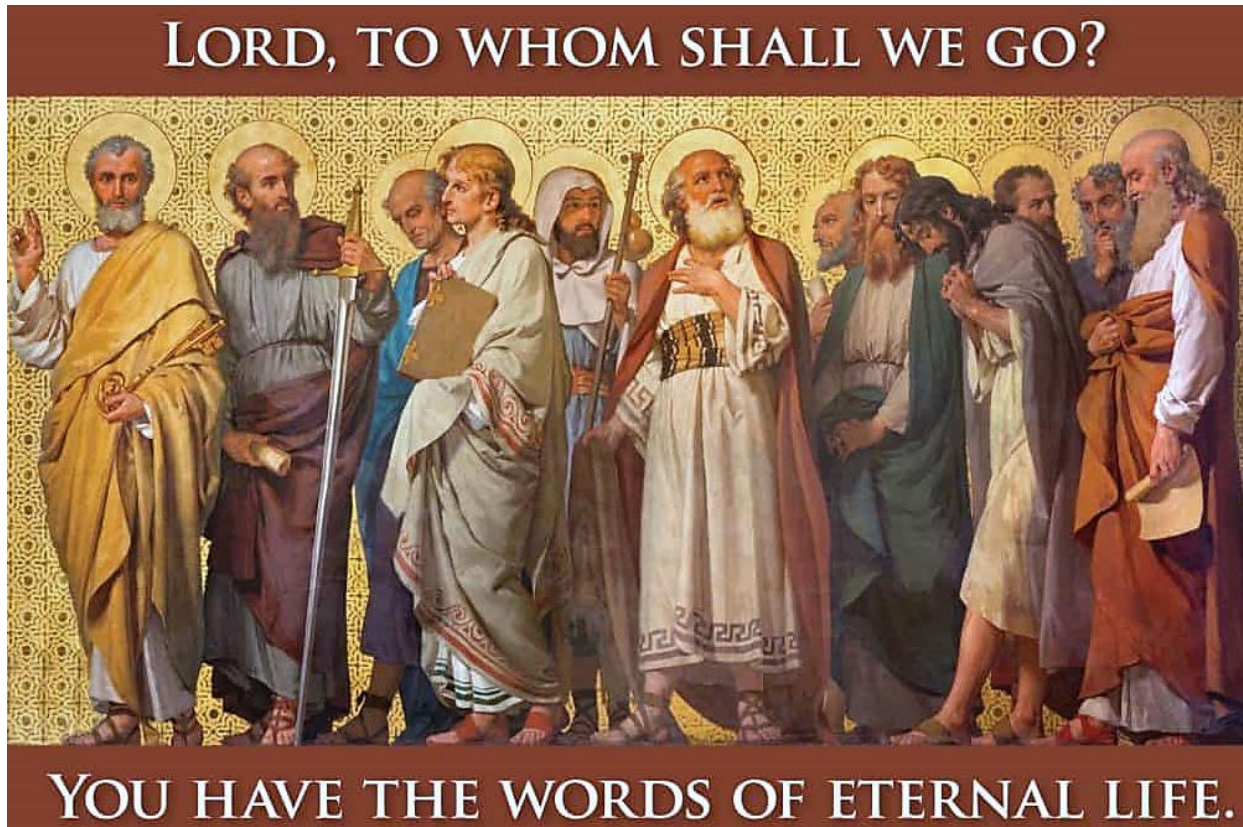
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## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

### 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)

**THE MONTH OF AUGUST** is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

<b>Sunday 22 Aug</b>	<b>9.30 AM</b>	<b>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Kath Smith [A]</b>	<b>GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH</b>
Mon 23 Aug		St Rose of Lima, Virgin	PRIVATE MASS	SOWERBY BRIDGE
Tues 24 Aug		ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE FEAST		
Wed 25 Aug	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Private Intention</b>	<b>GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH</b>
Thur 26 Aug		Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God, Priest		
Fri 27 Aug		St Monica	PRIVATE MASS	SOWERBY BRIDGE
Sat 28 Aug	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b>	<b>Michael O'Rourke YB</b>	<b>GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH</b>
<b>Sunday 29 Aug</b>	<b>9.30 AM</b>	<b>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Alice Redmond [A]</b>	<b>GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH</b>

### **PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** Saturday 25 September 2021

Discussions have been held with the organisers at Walsingham and the coach firm regarding our proposed visit Saturday 25 September 2021. We had already transferred the previous year's booking to this year. But because of the uncertainty around Covid we have made the decision to transfer this year's booking to September 2022. Therefore, this year's visit has been cancelled. We want the visit to be a safe and enjoyable for everyone – we are booked for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham September 2022. For more information, contact Fr Larkin.

### **FLOWERS** Rota: 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.

**DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY**, St Joseph's, Barnoldswick St Joseph's Primary School, Barnoldswick is recruiting for a Deputy Head to start on 1 January 2022. The closing date for applications is 30 September 2021 with interviews on 14 October 2021. Applications must be made using the CES Application Form. Further information is available from [recruitment@btlancashire.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@btlancashire.co.uk)

### **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

## GUIDANCE ON COVID AFTER THE 19 JULY

As we begin to move out of the restrictions that have been imposed upon us over these last months, let us all be mindful of others when we come to church and attend Holy Mass.

**Face Coverings** no longer be mandatory - a good idea in indoor settings.

**Hand Sanitiser** prominently available for people to use.

**Numbers** increase to 40 / Good ventilation remains important.

**Managing Church Access** - continue to make available the means for people to book online. QR Codes will remain in place.

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

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

**Stewards** - a sign of hospitality

**Cleaning** - 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.

Thank you for your continuing patience and support.

## FIELD NOTES

Over the last four Sundays we have read from chapter 6 of John's gospel where Jesus calls himself the Bread of Life and declares that we need to eat his flesh and drink his blood in order to have life. 'This is intolerable language', they say, 'How could anyone accept it?' We hear of the mixed reactions of Jesus' disciples. Centuries of Eucharistic theology and reflection give us a way to understand these words, but at the time they were first spoken, they were more than puzzling — they probably were offensive. Jesus aware of this reaction among some of his followers did not make any effort to soften his teaching in order to hold on to his numbers. Rather, he insists that his message conveys truth and life. As a result, 'many of his disciples left him ...' Then he turned to the twelve apostles, his inner circle, and asked them, 'What about you? Do you want to go away too?' He was prepared to lose even some of them rather than compromise on the teaching that he had given.

As it turned out, Jesus held onto the loyalty of the twelve apostles. Peter, their spokesperson, grasped the moment to declare their faithfulness to Jesus, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life.' Yet, later, at the time of his passion Judas betrayed him and Peter denied him. If success is to be measured by numbers, by the end of his earthly life, Jesus was a total failure.

Popular opinion does not always show where truth is to be found. If we opt to follow Jesus it is not because he was or is popular but because, in the word of St Peter, we recognize that he has the message of eternal life, that the words that he speaks are challenging, beautiful and powerful. It is alright to find ourselves struggling with some of what Jesus says. As Isaiah wrote, God's thoughts are not our thoughts; God's ways are not our ways.

The teaching and the life of Jesus will always challenge us. There may even be times when we will feel like walking away from it. That is why it is so important for us to keep renewing our response to the Lord's presence and invitation. The Eucharist is the primary moment when we commit ourselves again to the Lord; it is our weekly opportunity to make our own those words of St. Peter, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life.'

### **Go to YouTube – Search for**

Jesus, Lamb of God · Bernadette Farrell  
Lord Thy Word Abideth · The Scottish Festival Singers

It is good to be together

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

We pray for the families and friends of expectant women. That they would recognise their responsibility to care for both the mother and child, and that they would shower them with love and support through the journey of pregnancy and beyond. 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](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 in your prayers those who are unwell or recovering from surgery, especially Canon John Nunan, Fr Éamon McGeough, Fr Bernard Battle, Fr John Gott.

**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.