

The Good Shepherd

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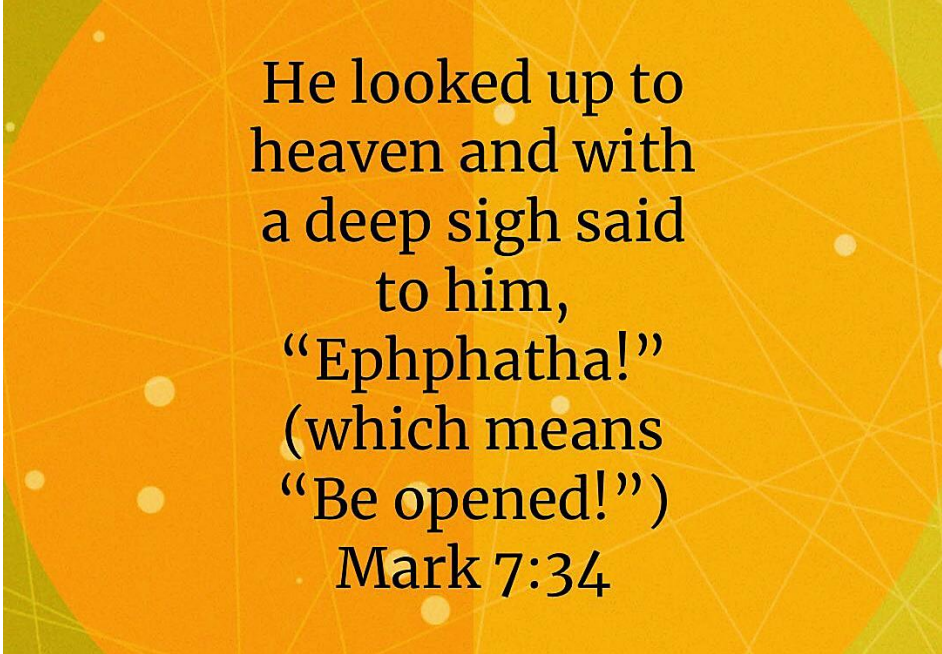
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He looked up to
heaven and with
a deep sigh said
to him,
“Ephphatha!”
(which means
“Be opened!”)
Mark 7:34

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Sunday 05 Sep	9.30 AM	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	For Afghan Residents	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 06 Sep		Weekday in Ordinary Time	PRIVATE MASS	SOWERBY BRIDGE
Tues 07 Sep		Weekday in Ordinary Time		
Wed 08 Sep	12.00 noon	THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Brian Nickerson [A]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thur 09 Sep		Weekday in Ordinary Time		
Fri 10 Sep		Weekday in Ordinary Time	PRIVATE MASS	SOWERBY BRIDGE
Sat 11 Sep	10.00AM	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	Kathleen Larkin [A]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 12 Sep	9.30 AM	TWENTY-FOURTH 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

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

Please remember in your prayers the following intention:

An environmentally sustainable lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

FLOWERS Rota: 5 September Ivy Abram, 12 September Nick Burchnell, 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.

FORTHCOMING ORDINATIONS TO THE DIACONATE

Please pray two students for the Permanent Diaconate, Simon Akhirebhu and Bernard Martin, both parishioners at St Austin and English Martyrs, Wakefield, who will be ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday 11 December, 11:00am at Leeds Cathedral.

FR MICHAEL SHARRATT RIP It is with great sadness that I inform you that Fr Michael Sharratt, a priest of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, died yesterday evening, Wednesday 25 August, in the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, following a short illness. Many of our diocesan clergy will have known Michael from his many years teaching at Ushaw College Durham and I know you will keep him and his family in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS we tend to shun thinking about death and preparations for funerals. But sometimes a little preparation can help, especially those who are left behind. It might be an idea to have a chat with your family and friends about your funeral arrangement – Requiem Mass or funeral Service, Hymns, Scripture Readings. This will then be written down and placed with your papers in a safe place, so that when the time comes we will know what to do.

CALDERDALE ROYAL HOSPITAL during this time of COVID, visiting of patients by the Catholic Chaplain has been suspended except for End-of-Life situations. However, support for patients, family members and hospital staff is still available from the RC Chaplain by calling, 10 am to 12 noon Monday to Friday, Fr Nealon on 07770544959.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE-prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil outside the MSI abortion facility, Leeds. 22 September to 31 October. To get involved contact Chris Redding 07815681343, 40daysforlifeleeds@gmail.com.

CAFOD RESPONDING TO MULTIPLE EMERGENCIES ACROSS THE WORLD

We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

GUIDANCE ON COVID AFTER THE 19 JULY

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

Hand Sanitiser prominently available for people to use.

Numbers increase to 40 people in church / Good ventilation remains important.

Managing Church Access – please continue to book online for Sunday.

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.

PARISH GIVING you may wish to consider setting up a Standing Order.

The Parish bank details are:

HSBC Bank PLC,

Good Shepherd Mytholmroyd

Sort Code 40-27-15

Account No. 21023209

Grateful thanks for your continuing generous donations to the parish.

FIELD NOTES Mark wrote to a community of believers under persecution. In such a situation speaking up for Christ was a dangerous thing. It could cost you your life.

A man who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech was brought to Jesus by his friends. In an oral culture where people were largely illiterate, not to be able to hear or speak properly were invisible; they could not be communicated with in any meaningful way and they could not communicate.

This man was fortunate to have people who cared enough about him to bring him to Jesus. Jesus goes on to take this man away from the crowd, so that the two of them could be alone. Although the man cannot hear or speak, he can experience the sense of touch, and so Jesus touches the man's ears, putting his finger into them, and touches the man's tongue with his own spittle. Jesus also looked up to heaven, in prayer; it was Jesus' relationship with God that would bring new life to this man.

The words of healing are given in Aramaic, he said to him, "Ephphatha," this is the actual spoken language of Jesus, again we hear "Talitha kum" to the daughter of Jairus (Mk 5:41) and again "Eloi eloi lama sabachthani" (Mk 15:34). Such beautiful words. Their dramatic force is increased for us as we are brought closer to the original voice of Jesus of Nazareth.

The friends of the deaf man in today's gospel can be an inspiration to us. They brought their friend to Jesus to see if he could be cured. They spoke to Jesus on this man's behalf which led to his healing. Even when he was voiceless, his friends were his voice, and their listening led on to him being able to hear and speak for himself.

Remember he said to him and to all of us, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."

Go to YouTube – Search for

Lay Your Hands Gently Upon Us · James Kilbane
Healer of Our Every Ill · Marty Haugen

It is good to be together

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Today we celebrate the feast of St Mother Teresa of Calcutta, patron saint of the pro-life movement. We ask for her intercession as we, the church, seek to support all pregnant mothers through their pregnancies, and that, like her, we would become models of support and charity to all in society. 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: Fr Michael Sharratt, Linda McCoy, Annis Peart-Binns

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 Joseph Fleming, 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.

LATELY DEAD Fr Michael Sharratt, Annis Peart-Binns, Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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