

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 3rd October 2021

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B



“...and the two become one body.”

Kathleen Larkin RIP

We pray for the soul of Kathleen Larkin, Fr Larkin's mother, who died last Wednesday/Thursday night. We pray for Fr Larkin, his father and all her wider family and friends.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen

MASSES AND SERVICES DURING THE COMING WEEK

Sun 3 rd Oct	9.30 am MASS	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time		GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 4 th Oct		St Francis of Assisi		
Tues 5 th Oct	12.00 noon Prayer	St Faustina Kowalska		VIA ZOOM
Wed 6 th Oct		St Bruno		
Thur 7 th Oct		Our Lady of the Rosary		
Fri 8 th Oct				
Sat 9 th Oct		St John Henry Newman		
Sun 10 th Oct	9.30 am MASS	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time		GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

ATTENDING CHURCH

We continue to ask that everyone exercises care when attending at the Good Shepherd.

Please stay away if you are unwell.

Keep your distance.

Wear a mask inside if you are able.

We continue to thank our stewards for their monitoring and cleaning duties. You are appreciated.

WEEKDAY MASS ARRANGEMENTS

As far as we know there will be no Weekday Masses again this week.

CAFOD Fast Day 1st October

Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis.

You can donate online through the CAFOD website or via text. Text CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10. Or choose to give any amount between £1 and £20 by texting CAFOD, followed by the amount you would like to donate, to 70580.

Bernadette Gibson

CONFLICT & CLIMATE CHANGE LITURGY

An hour-long Zoom reflection for the end the Season of Creation prepared by the Leeds Diocese Justice and Peace Commission.

It will be broadcast on **Monday, 4th October at 7.30 pm***. It is a free event.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/conflict-and-climate-change-tickets-165033135551>

OTHER JUSTICE & PEACE EVENTS

Wednesday 6 October, 7.30 - 8.45 pm

Charity, Justice & Philanthropy - Paul Vallely

We are delighted to be joined for this event by renowned writer Paul Vallely, author of the critically acclaimed biography of Pope Francis, Pope Francis, *Untying the Knots*. As well as being able to listen to Paul's thoughts there will also be time for questions and for some small group discussion.

Wednesday 20 October, 7.30 - 8.45 pm

How integral is Justice & Mercy to the Work of the Church? - Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York. Archbishop Cottrell will address us. His gifts as a preacher, communicator and evangelist are well known and valued, and he will address the challenges facing the church today. Register for these sessions by visiting <https://www.leedsjp.org.uk>

John Duffy

FR JOHN UPDATE

Fr John left hospital on Friday (1/10) and is in intermediate care in Rastrick Hall, Brighouse where he is expected to be for a few weeks. He is making good progress but still feeling sore. He is, of course, itching to get back home as soon as possible. Any cards/letters can still be sent to 64 Erringden Road.

CHURCH WEEKEND IN INGLETON

(Lots of pictures on the parish facebook page)

We had such a lovely time together - it was good to catch up with everyone and to remember what a wonderful community we have at the Good Shepherd.

We shared lots of delicious food, a lovely walk around Ribbleshead Viaduct, games, treasure hunts and relaxation.

In our 2 meditations, we thought about what effect the last year has had on our spiritual journeys:

- we agreed that we've taken more time to see God in Creation, in each other and in the little things.
- we also discussed how, in the West, we are very used to predictability and used to trusting and feeling secure in the order and structure around us. How things have changed. We need to take a breath and find our trust in the true Source, the Divine within us.
- the children made a collage of The Light within us, and what in our lives often blocks our connection with That Light.

Maggie Pennington

ROOT & BRANCH INCLUSIVE SYNOD

The Root and Branch movement held a synod from 5th -12th September with a diverse range of speakers talking on ministry, diversity, moral theology and authority. You can now catch up with all the talks. The Synod programme will enable you to see who was talking on what and when. It's all available here:

<https://www.rootandbranchsynod.org/>

Maureen Flynn

SYNOD 2021/2023 (Communion, Participation, Mission)

The Holy Father's plans for a worldwide synod of bishops that he will convene in 2023 are unfolding, as outlined in Bishop Marcus's recent pastoral letter. The bishop tells us to "Have YOUR say" "after taking time to pray."

'An effective listening process is rooted in meditation on Sacred Scripture, the liturgy, and prayer. Only in this way can our journey of truly listening to one another throughout the diocese be an authentic experience of discerning the voice of the Holy Spirit.'

HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN Visiting of patients by the RC Chaplain has been suspended except for end-of-life cases. 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 07770 544959.

FLOWER FUNDING ROTA

3rd October Liz Godfrey, 10th October Edna Harwood,
17th October Liz Bavidge, 24th October Liz McLaughlin,
31st October Doris Moorhead, 7th November Mary Harwood,
14th November Mary & Tom O'Connell, 21st November Vacant.

Thank you to all who have regularly donated to the Flower Funding Rota. If you are able to help, please contact Doris Moorhead on 01422 842931. Doris Moorhead

A parishioner's reflection on this Sunday's readings

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle B.

Gen 2: 18-24

Heb 2: 9-11

Mk:10 2-12 or 2-16

Listening to the readings in church can be challenging, sometimes simply going over our heads. Occasionally they become a complete, 'turn-off' as we would rather not hear the seemingly uncomfortable messages they imply. – No one said being a Christian is easy in this life.

This week could be one, unless we dig a little deeper to find the rewards. The immediate impression might be of conflicting messages and unattainable ideals, plus there's a hint of Jesus's righteous anger.

Remembering that there are two creation stories in Genesis, this is the second and the oldest. The ancients did not have the luxury of knowing what we know but found a way to express creation, on their terms. - We now know more but still not yet everything.

Amazingly, they were not wrong if you think about it. Being the highest order animal on the planet we have language and free will – We have named the animals. Contrary to popular myth the text does not say that men and women have different numbers of ribs - read it.

Who knows, mythical Adam may have had one too many in the first place.

We know that men and women are created from the same genetic starting point and diverge in the womb - Deep sleeps are common in the Bible and overcome what the writer doesn't know, understand or, is in awe of.

I like to think of the 9-month gestation period in those terms, whilst God creates man or woman. The last sentence about leaving parents describes the process repeating itself as part of creation, linking it to the gospel.

However, I do detect a certain cultural arrogance in the writer of Genesis, implying the inferiority of the female, but we have to remember its time and context.

Earlier, I said that being a Christian isn't always easy, and millennia later the Jewish religion became hidebound by man-made customs, practices and laws that Jewish converts to Christianity found hard to shake off. It was and is, even today, all too easy to lose track of what's important to God. Much of Hebrews makes this plain and why Jesus had to suffer for and ultimately experience death, for all human kind.

Evidence of this hidebound obsession with the myriad of Jewish laws is expressed when the learned and educated Pharisees attempt to tie Jesus up in metaphorical legal knots, in today's gospel.

I was brought up to think of 'gentle' Jesus but, today he is most definitely not! What a great put-down, accusing them of not knowing their own scripture and laws, repeating the final words of the first reading. Calling on the commands from Moses in Deuteronomy concerning documented writs of divorce, because they were unteachable.

It may or may not have happened at the same time but, responding to his disciples in private but on the same subject, Jesus simply states the plain, simple and literal facts. He demonstrates that given the same circumstances, neither man nor woman can claim the moral high ground, when it comes to the thorny subject of divorce for reason of adultery.

Most significantly and most importantly I cannot stress enough that, Jesus in his response does not apportion blame or condemn. This is not his way. He comes to save us from ourselves – Never forget Jesus and the woman at the well.

In the final section of today's Gospel (which is optional) Jesus speaks to his disciples in private. But to my mind to ignore this section is perhaps to miss the mission and lesson of today's readings. I think perhaps it comes under the heading of 'a saying of Jesus' based on a real event.

That is, we must all be child-like, open to God and allow Jesus to lay his hands on us and give us his blessing, whatever our human relationship, condition or circumstance. Finally, the hidden reward in today's reading is confirmation that God's love is unconditional and not subject to human law or condemnation.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

These prayer petitions are taken from the Prayer Tree and parishioners requests sent in recently.



Of your mercy please pray for:

Kathleen Larkin (mother of Fr Larkin), David Heap, Fr Michael Sharratt, Maureen McMahon, Aileen Queenan, Annis Peart-Binns

and all who have recently died. Please pray for the repose of their souls.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.
Amen

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

In this Season of Creation we ask for forgiveness for the damage we are doing to planet earth. We pray for the success of **COP26** and for the courage to adopt more sustainable habits ourselves.

As we end harvest time we pray for all who labour to produce and deliver our food, here and overseas, that they will benefit from decent conditions and a just reward for their labours. And we pray for those who have no harvest, because of drought or floods, storm or war, because they've been deprived of land or suffer from unjust economic systems.

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 our sick: **Joseph Fleming, Fr John, Sarah McCann, Robert Morley, Doris Phillips, Barry, Thomas Davis, Mary Harwood, Mary Howard, Edna harwood, Rosa Maria Santos**

WEEKLY PRAYER GATHERING VIA ZOOM



Our prayer time last week was on the theme of Forgiveness led by Maureen and Frank Flynn

Future guides for this Prayer Slot

Thank you to those who have been willing to prepare a session. It can be a simple thought with time to dwell. It can be a case of “less is more”. Please consider whether you can offer your service to this very important ministry at this time.

Prayer Service via Zoom Tuesday 28th September 2021

“FORGIVENESS”



Matthew 18:21-22

‘Then Peter went up to Him and said, ‘Lord, how often must I forgive my brother or sister who wrongs me? As often as seven times? **Not seven, I tell you, but seventy times seven**’

The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,

FATHER FORGIVE

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,

FATHER FORGIVE

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,

FATHER FORGIVE

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

FATHER FORGIVE

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,

FATHER FORGIVE

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,

FATHER FORGIVE

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,

FATHER FORGIVE

Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4:31-32

Any bitterness or bad temper or anger or shouting or abuse must be far removed from you - as must every kind of malice.

Be generous to one another, sympathetic, forgiving each other just as God forgave you in Christ.'

HYMN

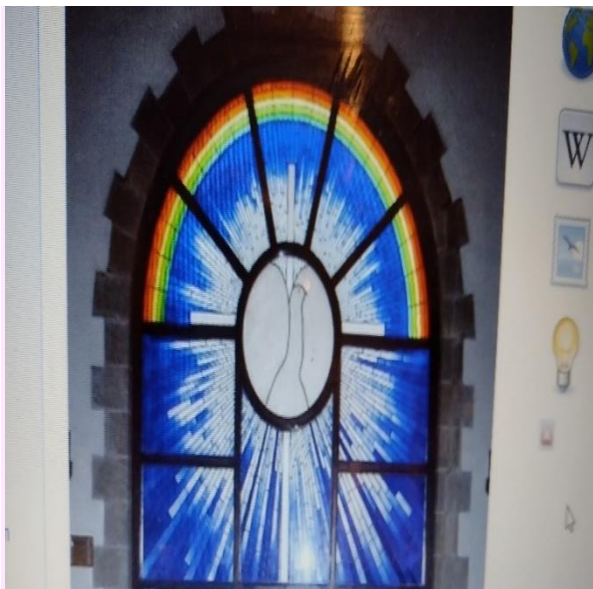
**God forgave my sins in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus name I come to you to share his love as he told me to.**

**He said "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give
Go in my name and because you believe, others will know that I live
All power is given in Jesus' name in earth in heaven in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you to share his power as he told me to**

**He said "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give
Go in my name and because you believe, others will know that I live**

Prayer

Father, we remember that you love the world. We recall that you sent your Son to bring reconciliation and salvation. We remember that your Spirit inhabits your church, help us to bring your comfort and peace to all.



Restoration

instead of Retribution,

Forgiveness

in place of Retaliation

Peace

HYMN

**Peace is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me
Spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free.**

Love is flowing like a river etc.

Joy is flowing like a river...

Hope is flowing like a river....

PRAYERS of the FAITHFUL

BLESSING

Father God, bless this community

Christ our brother remain with us

Holy Love, Spirit of Unity make us one family

God's holy family

Amen

GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY - STAYING CONNECTED

OUR 59TH ZOOM PRAYER NEXT TUESDAY

TUESDAY 5TH OCTOBER @ 12.00 NOON.

GOD in the SENSES

ALL ARE WELCOME

Click on the zoom link sent every Monday to all those on the parish email list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: OUR SICK:

Joseph Fleming, Fr John, Sarah McCann,
Robert Morley, Doris Phillips, Barry, Thomas
Davis, Mary Harwood, Mary Howard, Edna
Harwood, Rosa Maria Santos

CLERGY: Please remember to keep in your
prayers those who are unwell at this time, especially, Canon John Nunan, Fr Éamon
McGeough, Fr Bernard Battle and Fr John Gott.



LATELY DEAD: Kathleen Larkin, David Heap, Maureen McMahan, Aileen Queenan,
Annis Peart-Binns. May all who have recently died rest in peace and rise in glory.

THE MARK 10 MISSION TEAM

are back for the new school year! We have been busy creating new children's
liturgies for the Autumn term and can't wait for you to see them. Each week we will
be sharing the Gospel.

Click on https://youtu.be/mt_NcrogT10

NEVILLE'S ISLAND

Todmorden Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society's next production is Neville's
Island by Tim Firth. It's at The Hippodrome Oct 13th-16th.

Have you got your tickets for this really funny play? Our first production this year.
We have made sure everyone will be safe. All our volunteers have been working
extremely hard over the past months to make our theatre spick and span ready to
welcome you all back to the live theatre experience.

Liz McLaughlin

GIVING TO THE PARISH

If you wish to set up a standing order the parish bank
account details are:

GOOD SHEPHERD MYTHOLMROYD

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ACCOUNT NO 21023209



Grateful thanks to everyone who continue to support the parish through your
financial donations. It is much appreciated. **Nick Burchnall** (Finance Committee)

LIVE-STREAMING OF MASSES ONLINE

DAILY MASS FROM LEEDS CATHEDRAL

YouTube channel: www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk

ST MARY'S CHURCH, HALIFAX

Go to stmaryshalifax.com 9.30am daily and Sunday @ 11.00am

SALFORD CATHEDRAL – MASS AT 11.00am Sunday go to:

<http://www.salfordcathedral.co.uk/>

CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING, LIVERPOOL

Watch from 11am Sunday on Facebook page and YouTube channel.

FR DENIS MCBRIDE C.SS.R. Each Sunday service will be accessed through the website below

www.rpbooks.co.uk/holy-mass-online

NATIONAL SHRINE AT WALSINGHAM

www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/

Ss PETER AND PAUL CHURCH, PORTLAOISE, IRELAND

Daily Mass @ 10.00am <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jy89Co1szkA>