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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

| Sunday 17 Oct | 9.30 AM | TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Missa pro populo | GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH |
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| Mon 18 Oct | | ST LUKE, EVANGELIST FEAST | PRIVATE MASS | SOWERBY BRIDGE |
| Tues 19 Oct | | Weekday in Ordinary Time | | |
| Wed 20 Oct | 12.00noon | Weekday in Ordinary Time | Teresa Esposito [LD] | GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH |
| Thur 21 Oct | | Weekday in Ordinary Time | | |
| Fri 22 Oct | | St John Paul II, Pope | PRIVATE MASS | SOWERBY BRIDGE |
| Sat 23 Oct | 10.00AM | Saturday Mass of Our Lady | - | GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH |
| Sunday 24 Oct | 9.30 AM | THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Missa pro populo | GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH |

WEDNESDAY MASS

On **Wednesday 27 October** I have a Deanery meeting with Fr Kelly –
There will be NO MASS that day.

PARISH NEWSLETTER Please submit notices (by Wednesday 8pm) - to Fr Larkin by email at pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

KATHLEEN LARKIN LD

Your kind messages of condolence are greatly appreciated, and we as a family have received comfort and strength from all your uplifting words and prayers.

Thankful to God that we have your prayerful support.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in peace. Amen.

Yours sincerely in Christ

Fr Larkin

GUIDANCE ON COVID

The booking in system is coming to an end.

The last Sunday to book for 9.30am Mass will be the **24 October 2021**.

Face Coverings a good idea in indoor settings.

Hand Sanitiser available for people to use.

Congregational Singing to be kept under review.

The Communion Rite Sign of Peace remains suspended.

REMEMBER if your health is not good and you are vulnerable, if you have any of the above symptoms you should stay at home. Thank you for your continuing support

FROM PARISH TO MISSION AND THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2021 - 2023

The first phase of the Synod of Bishops will commence with a Mass celebrated by each diocesan bishop in his Cathedral on **Sunday 17 October** and the listening process will conclude at the end of January 2022.

I have been in contact with Fr Kelly (St Mary's Halifax) and Jessica Wilkinson who jointly lead the Diocesan Synodal Team. I have submitted dates for the parish meeting they will get back to me in soon. The listening exercise is based around the principle of Appreciative Inquiry (AI). AI focuses on what works already and on what people really care about, and is followed by the collective design of a desired future state that is compelling and has people's commitment. The overall aim of AI therefore is to identify and develop what already works, rather than trying to fix what does not.

Typically, AI uses four consecutive steps:

1. **Discover** - identification of what already works well / what is important to people.
2. **Dream** - The envisioning of what could/would/will work well in the future.

3. Design - Planning and prioritising how to move forward with which ideas.

4. Deliver - The implementation of the new ideas.

Our listening exercises will start with **Steps 1 and 2**,

The Listening sessions will last 1hr 30min starting at 7.00pm.

More information about the Synodal and the diocesan listening processes is available on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk. You can also access the latest documentation relating to the Synod of Bishops 2023 from the following website: <http://www.synod.va/en.html>

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY a new online Catholic newspaper called the Universe Catholic Weekly as a successor to the former Catholic Universe which as you will know went into administration earlier this year. The new publication has the full support of Cardinal Nichols who we saw last week. The aim of the new publication is simple... to give Catholics the chance to read about the world through the lens of their religion. It will contain the latest UK and world news alongside features about the Vatican, discussions about topics such as abortion and married clergy alongside lighter fare in our life style supplement.

We hope that you will be able to support our new publication and that we can all work together in the promotion of the Faith throughout the UK.

Visit <https://universecatholicweekly.co.uk/>

JUSTICE AND PEACE EVENTS Wednesday 20 October, 7.30 - 8.00pm 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. Registration is **free** and is organised through Eventbrite: <https://www.leedsjp.org.uk>

PAID WORK OPPORTUNITY WITH THE JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION Are you passionate about Social Justice? The Commission has a paid opportunity for self-employed people to undertake part-time activities for the Commission. For full details see the home page of our website www.leedsjp.org.uk. Closing date for submissions is 05 November 2021.

THE MARK 10 MISSION TEAM 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. We want as many children as possible to encounter Jesus for themselves and so our online episodes are completely free to everybody. We are delighted to announce that Bishop Marcus Stock, Bishop of Leeds and Chairman of The Catholic Education Service has joined the Mark 10 Mission team.

Bishop Marcus will be reading some of the Gospels and prayers this term.

Click on <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/new-202122-episodes>

Please visit **THE MARK 10 MISSION** YouTube channel – like, share and subscribe.

ST JAMES, Church Lane, Mytholm, Hebden Bridge HX7 6DS is organising the following:
6 November to 21st November - A Local History Exhibition commemorating the centenary of the Royal British Legion and the WW1 memorials of the parish church of Hebden Bridge. The church will be open during those two weeks for people to view the exhibition (and if wished to have a drink and chat). Several free events and services have been organised.
<http://www.stjameshebdenbridge.com/> or find us on facebook.

ASSISTED DYING BILL 2021 This bill is due to have its second reading and full debate in the House of Lourdes on **22 October** (change of date). Please encourage your parishioners to pray for the defeat of the bill, taking the opportunity for catechesis on the sanctity of all human life. More information and practical ways in which we can make our voice heard can be found on the website of the Bishops' Conference: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishop-sherrington-letter-on-assisted-dying-bill-2021/> and more locally effective information will be available on the Diocese of Leeds website: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/news/> in the coming days

RIGHT TO LIFE UK URGENT APPEAL The abortion lobby has already been successful at using the Coronavirus crisis to temporarily introduce home 'DIY' abortions. The policy has not only accompanied a large increase in the number of lives ended by abortion but has also been linked to a number of serious incidents where women's lives have been put at risk while performing their abortion at home. Our opposition is now eager to see more widespread changes to legislation enacted and we are currently facing major threats on both abortion and assisted suicide issues.

Fighting both the abortion and assisted suicide lobbies over this period has already made a huge dent in Right To Life UK's limited resources. We are, therefore, appealing to you to please give as generously as you can to ensure we can defeat the abortion and assisted suicide lobbies in these upcoming battles. Every donation, no matter how small, will go towards saving the lives of the unborn and many others.

Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/give for more information and to donate now.

FLOWERS Rota: 17 October Liz Bavidge, 24 October Liz McLaughlin,
31 October Doris Moorhead, 7 November Mary Harwood,
14 November Mary & Tom O'Connell, 21 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.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN visiting of patients by the RC 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.

FIELD NOTES

Often in life we don't get exactly what we want.

James and John, ask Jesus, 'allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' Mark has earlier shown James and John together on the mount of transfiguration, along with Peter. There they had experienced Jesus in his glory, flanked by Moses and Elijah. The two brothers understood this experience as anticipating a glorious future, they wanted the places occupied by Moses and Elijah.

Mark emphasizes the inappropriateness of this request of James and John by placing it immediately after the third announcement by Jesus of his coming passion and death, 'the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death—' (Mk 10:33-34). As Jesus declares that he is shortly to be humbled, James and John ask Jesus that they be exalted.

In response to the brothers' request, Jesus asks them a question, 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptized with the baptism with which I must be baptized?' This is later echoed in his own prayer in the garden of Gethsemane "Father, if it be Thy will, take this cup away from me; yet not my will but Thine be done!" (Mk 14:36). The very cup that Jesus invites James and John to drink, he hesitated to drink himself.

What Jesus says to James and John is addressed to us all. Are we prepared to commit ourselves to his way, even to the way of the cross, the way of self-giving? Our friendship with him will be contagious to our contemporaries, and others might recognize the Lord's nobility, beauty and greatness through our faces, our smiles, our hands, our feet, our heart and our weaknesses.

This story is told about John Ruskin, the 18th century English writer, when he was quite old. He was visiting with a friend, and he was standing looking out the front window of the house. It was night-time, and the lamplighter was lighting the street lamps. From the window one could see only the lamps that were being lit, and the light the lamplighter was carrying from one lamp to another. The lamplighter himself could not be seen. Ruskin remarked that the lamplighter was a good example of the genuine Christian. His way was clearly lit by the lights he lit, and the light he kept burning, even though he himself may not be known or seen. In today's gospel, Jesus said that he was the light that had come into the world. Today, he tells us that we are to become that light for others.

Go to YouTube – Search for

Hymn | Christ triumphant, ever reigning | with LYRICS

Praise to the Holiest · Huddersfield Choral Society · Joseph Cullen

It is good to be together

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for all expectant mothers. We pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their families, friends, and local communities, as they journey through this life-changing experience. Lord hear us.

These petitions are taken from parishioners' requests.

For **Kate Leslie**, in need of spiritual support after a diagnosis of cancer and pending treatment.

For **Rosa Raho**, who remains in need of spiritual support as her treatment for cancer continues.

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** diagnosed with cancer and shortly to undergo treatment

For **Gisela Lea-McCann** for timely resolution of her health issues

For **Sarah McCann** diagnosed with cancer and shortly to undergo treatment

For **Barry Harrop** deal with an uncertain future with cancer.

For **all receiving treatment for cancer** at this time.

For **Clive Barker** living with ongoing health issues.

For **Molly** suddenly admitted to hospital

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 Kathleen Larkin, Aileen Queenan, Annis Peart-Binns, And all who have recently died. May they rest in peace. 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, 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 Kathleen Larkin, Aileen Queenan, 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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