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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Sunday 24 Oct	9.30 AM	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Felicity Atkinson [LD]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 25 Oct		ST LUKE, EVANGELIST FEAST	PRIVATE MASS	SOWERBY BRIDGE
Tues 26 Oct		Ss Chad and Cedd, Bishops		
Wed 27 Oct			NO MASS TODAY	
Thur 28 Oct		SS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES FEAST		
Fri 22 Oct		Weekday in Ordinary Time	PRIVATE MASS	SOWERBY BRIDGE
Sat 29 Oct	10.00AM	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	Kate Leslie	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 30 Oct	9.30 AM	ALL SAINTS	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

WEDNESDAY MASS

On **Wednesday 27 October** I have a Deanery meeting with Fr Kelly (on the Synod of Bishops 2021 - 2023) – 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

GUIDANCE ON COVID Tentatively we are moving into a more normal rhythm as we hopefully regain our confidence, whilst of course being aware that the COVID virus still circulates along with the flu virus.

Face Coverings a good idea in indoor settings.

Hand Sanitiser available for people to use.

Congregational Singing remains suspended.

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

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. 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/>

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 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. 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.

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

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

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

I have been in contact with Fr Kelly (St Mary's Halifax) who leads the Diocesan Synodal Team. I have submitted dates for the parish meeting they will get back to me 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. 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.

10 THEMES TO EXPLORE

In order to help highlight the experiences and contribute to the consultation, see below ten themes to explore taken from the preparatory document (Synod 2021 - 2023).

- 1) **THE JOURNEYING COMPANIONS** In the Church and in society, we are side by side on the same road. In your local Church, who are the ones “journeying together”? When we say: “our Church,” who is part of it? Who is on the margins?
- 2) **LISTENING** Listening is the first step, but it requires having an open mind and heart, without prejudices. To whom does our Church need to listen to?
- 3) **SPEAKING OUT** All are invited to speak with courage, freedom, truth, and charity. How do we promote what is important to us?
- 4) **CELEBRATING** “Journeying together” is only possible if it is based on communal listening to the Word and the celebration of the Eucharist. How do prayer and liturgical celebration inspire and direct our journeying together? How do we promote the active participation in the liturgy?
- 5) **CO-RESPONSIBLE IN THE MISSION** Since we are all disciples, how is each Baptized person called to serve in the mission? How does the community support its members committed to service in society (social / political commitment, in scientific research / teaching, in the promotion of social justice, human rights, and in caring for the Common home, environment etc.)?
- 6) **DIALOGUE IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY** Dialogue is a path of perseverance that also includes silences and sufferings, but which is capable of gathering the experience of all. What are the places and modes of dialogue within our particular Church? How are divergences of vision, the conflicts, the difficulties addressed? How do we promote collaboration with other churches / deanery, etc.?
- 7) **WITH THE OTHER CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS** The dialogue between Christians of different confessions, united by one Baptism, has a special place in the synodal journey. What relations do we have with the brothers and sisters of other Christian denominations?
- 8) **AUTHORITY AND PARTICIPATION** How do we identify the goals to be pursued, the way to achieve them?
- 9) **DISCERNING AND DECIDING** By what procedures and methods do we discern together and make decisions? How can they be improved?
- 10) **FORMING OURSELVES IN SYNODALITY** How do we form people, especially those who hold roles of responsibility within the Christian community, to make them more capable of journeying together, listening to one another and engaging in dialogue?

ST JAMES, Church Lane, Mytholm, HX7 6DS is organising the following: 6 November to 21 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. For more details visit <http://www.stjameshebdenbridge.com/> or find us on facebook.

RIGHT TO LIFE UK URGENT APPEAL 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.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN visiting of patients by the RC Chaplain has been suspended except for End-of-Life situations. Support for is still available from the RC Chaplain by calling, 10.00 - 12 noon Monday to Friday, Fr Nealon on 07770544959.

ADVANCE NOTICE Hebden Bridge Brass Band Remembrance concert in church, Sunday 14 November 7pm. Admission free though donations are welcome. We are proud to be hosting the prizewinning band's first concert in 18 months. Please note there will be no bar or refreshments at this event.

INTRODUCING THE LEEDS CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS STUDIES. In partnership with Leeds Trinity University, the Diocese is launching a new programme which explores Catholic faith, education and spirituality. An information evening will be held at Hinsley Hall, and online via Zoom, on Monday 25 October from 7-00pm - 8-00pm. For more information, email gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

FR JOHN UPDATE Fr John continues to recover in Rastrick Hall Care Home Brighouse. His sister and David have visited him and speak to him regularly over the phone. He appears to be recuperating well. The Care Home have Facilities to keep an eye on his Medical needs. He is actively considering moving into a Care Home on a permanent basis - if a suitable one can be found and have a vacancy. If anyone knows a Care Home that they can recommend and think John might be happy there, he would be very pleased to know about it. Fr John continues to keep you all in his prayers and passes his thanks to all who are doing the same for him. He has enjoyed reading the many unexpected cards and letters that he has received from parishioners and friends.

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FIELD NOTES THIS IS MUCH MORE than a simple miracle story. The gospels report many cases of Jesus healing blind people, but the case of Bartimaeus is told in the most vivid way, and it has several practical lessons. That man had lost his sight, and when he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, he had to make up his mind quickly. Should he just sit quietly and let Jesus pass him by, or he could seize the moment, and ask to be healed.

Everyone knew Jesus had the power to heal, but you had to get his attention and ask to be healed. Bartimaeus was well aware of what was wrong with him, and was determined to have it cured. When he called out to Jesus, people around him tried to get him to stay quiet. But he just shouted louder, and kept shouting until Jesus stopped and called him over. Although Bartimaeus was blind, Jesus stayed where he was and let the blind man come to him. If he really wanted to be cured, he would find to Jesus.

It was obvious that the man was blind, and yet Jesus asked him “What do you want me to do for you?” The man had to name his difficult, and do so himself. If one of us needs to be cured of something, whether blindness, alcoholism, depression or any addiction, we need to say to God what’s wrong with us. We need to NAME what we want from God.

Of course he knows our needs, and yet he says

“Ask and you will receive.”

“Your heavenly Father will surely give to those who ask.”

Bartimaeus’s words were simple and uncomplicated. There was no long speech, no haggling or persuading. “I want to see” was his direct reply.

And Jesus told him that his faith had healed him. Just think of what he did: he threw aside his old cloak, got up, and ran to Jesus. The old cloak may be a symbol for his past, his darkness, his despair. He made an act of hope-filled faith, and Jesus did not disappoint him. All attempts of the bystanders to silence him made him more determined. He was clear about what he wanted, and knew who could help him. That’s why Bartimaeus has a lesson for us all, here and now.

Go to YouTube – Search for

Viadana - Exsultate justi [á 4; Adoremus]

He healed the darkness of my mind – soloist Melanie McKenna

It is good to be together

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

This week, we celebrated the feast of Pope St John Paul II, patron saint of the pro-life movement. We ask for his intercession as we, the church, seek to support all pregnant mothers through their pregnancies, and that, like him, we would become models of support and charity to all in society. 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 **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 Raymond Smith, Kathleen Larkin,

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, Raymond Smith, 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.