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ALL SAINTS

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

Sunday 31 Oct	9.30 AM	ALL SAINTS	Kate Leslie	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 01 Nov		Weekday in Ordinary Time	PRIVATE MASS	SOWERBY BRIDGE
Tues 02 Nov		ALL SOULS		
Wed 03 Nov	12.00 noon	St Martin de Porres, Religious	-	
Thur 04 Nov		St Charles Borromeo, Bishop		
Fri 05 Nov		Weekday in Ordinary Time	PRIVATE MASS	SOWERBY BRIDGE
Sat 06 Nov	10.00AM	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	-	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 07 Nov	9.30 AM	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Jim Ford [LD]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

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 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

FACILITATORS WILL VISIT OUR PARISH ON TUESDAY 16 NOVEMBER AT 7PM

On 10 October 2021, Pope Francis formally opened a two-year process called ‘a synod on synodality,’ officially known as ‘Synod 2021-2023: For a Synodal Church.’ In brief, the process entails bishops around the world consulting with all the baptised before coming together for a gathering of bishops in October 2023. This process also marks the beginning of our own diocesan process of consultation, From Parish to Mission. As a major part of that consultation, volunteer facilitators will visit every parish in the diocese from the beginning of November to lead an open meeting to consider the questions put by the Holy See.

A team of volunteer facilitators will visit our parish on **Tuesday 16 November at 7pm**. Do come along to the meeting. If you are unable to attend or if you would rather engage with the process online, you can complete an online questionnaire at

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/parish-to-mission-survey>.

The Listening sessions will last 1hr 30min starting at 7.00pm. (Doors open at 6.30pm)

The Ten Questions 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).

I. The journeying companions

As we journey together let us look around. Who are you on the journey with and what persons or groups are marginalised and why?

II. Listening

How might our local Church better listen to lay people (and especially young people and women) and minorities and those who are not respected?

III. Speaking out

How can everybody be encouraged to communicate appropriately what is important to them?

IV. Celebrating

How might I be better able to participate in Mass and other liturgies?

V. Co-responsible in the mission

How can each Baptised person become a “missionary disciple”, revealing Christ to others through their words and deeds?

VI. Dialogue in Church and society

How might we improve our conversations within our diocesan family and also outside of it, (for example with people of different faiths, those who have no faith and those who have particular roles and duties in society)?

VII. With the other Christian denominations

Are our relations with our Christian brothers and sisters good? How might they be improved?

VIII. Authority and participation

How might we develop teamwork and a sense of co-responsibility in our local Church?

IX. Discerning and deciding

How might we improve the process of decision-making in our local Church, so that we truly listen and recognise that the Holy Spirit can speak through each one of us?

X. Forming ourselves in synodality

What formation is necessary within the local Church if we are to become better at listening to one another and sharing our insights with one another?

THE MARK 10 MISSION TEAM 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.

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

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

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/>

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: 31 October Doris Moorhead,

7 November Mary Harwood, 14 November Mary & Tom O'Connell,

21 November Karen Parrish.

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.

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.

ONLINE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN click on the following

https://www.bigmarker.com/series/cafod-children-s-liturgy/series_summit

PARISH GIVING If you wish to set up a standing order account details are:

Good Shepherd Mytholmroyd

Sort Code 40-27-15 and the Account No. 21023209

Thank you for supporting the parish financially it is appreciated.

FIELD NOTES We celebrate this great feast of All Saints. It is important to emphasise from the beginning what we mean here by 'saints'. Normally we apply the word to people of extraordinary holiness who have been canonised or beatified by the Church. Among them we have favourites: St Lucy, St Linus, St Chrysogonus, Ss Felicity and Perpetua and on. But today's feast refers to all those baptised Christians who have died and are now with God in glory. It also certainly includes all who lived a good life sincerely in accordance with the convictions of their conscience. We simply do not know how many people we are talking about but it must be a very large number.

The Gospel for today's feast is remarkable. It gives us what we know as the Eight Beatitudes from the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. It is, in fact, a charter for holiness. The Beatitudes go far beyond the Ten Commandments in what they expect of a follower of Christ and yet one hears of relatively few Christians saying that they base their lives on the Beatitudes. When we go to Confession it is the Ten Commandments we normally refer to and not the Beatitudes. It is clear from their position in Matthew's gospel that the Beatitudes have a central place.

The word 'blessed' is sometimes translated 'happy'. It might be more accurate to translate it as 'fortunate'. In other words, people who have these qualities are really in an envious position. They describe the kind of society that exists when we live according to these values – a place of truth and love, of compassion and justice, of peace, freedom and sharing. The general message is that those are really blessed when they know their dependence on God and commit themselves totally to the Way that Christ invites them to follow. The Beatitudes are expressed in positive terms. They also express not just actions but attitudes. In a way, they can never be fully observed. No matter how well we try to observe them, we can always go further. They leave no room for self-satisfaction. The Beatitudes are a true and reliable recipe for sainthood.

“Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children,” the Second Reading reminds us today. Saints are not self-made people. They are people who have responded generously to the love of God showered on them. And the completion of that love is to be invited to share life with God forever in the life to come.

Today's feast is first of all an occasion for great thanksgiving. It is altogether reasonable to think that many of our family, relatives and friends who have gone before us are being celebrated today.

Go to YouTube – Search for

Vaughan Williams: For All The Saints (Sine Nomine) · Choir of Paisley Abbey ·
Saints of God in Glory · Frank Brownstead · Bernadette Farrell · St. Thomas More Group

It is good to be together

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

As we celebrate all Saints, and their lived examples of loving and supporting the most vulnerable in society, we pray for the courage to follow in their footsteps, by supporting the poor, the helpless and the unborn. Lord hear us.

These petitions are taken from parishioners' requests.

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.

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