

# The Good Shepherd

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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

**MASSES DURING THE WEEK** Readings and Mass texts visit [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

Sunday 21 Nov	9.30 AM	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 22 Nov		St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr	PRIVATE MASS	SOWERBY BRIDGE
Tues 23 Nov		St Clement I, Pope and Martyr		
Wed 24 Nov	12.00 noon	Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	-	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thur 25 Nov		St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr		
Fri 26 Nov		Weekday in Ordinary Time	PRIVATE MASS	SOWERBY BRIDGE
Sat 27 Nov	10.00AM	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	-	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 28 Nov	9.30 AM	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C	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](mailto:pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR NOVEMBER 2021** People Who Suffer from Depression: We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION** The dates have been set for the Deanery celebrations for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and Confirmation for 2022.

**CONFIRMATION** ON WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2022 7PM, AT ST MALACHY'S CHURCH OVENDEN

**RECONCILIATION** ON SATURDAY 2 APRIL 2022 AT 2PM AT ST BERNARD'S CHURCH, HALIFAX  
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** IN OUR OWN PARISH ON CORPUS CHRISTI AT 9.30AM

If your child is in Y3 or above then they are welcome to join the Reconciliation group, Y4 and above for First Holy Communion.

We have not had a confirmation group at Good Shepherd for a 2 years and we propose to run a group for any of our children/young people starting in January. This will be for anyone Y6 or older. Please contact me asap if you believe your child is the right age and ready for the next step in their faith journey. Jowoodhead1@gmail.com or mobile 07725 854932

**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 cold symptoms you should stay at home.

In all of this, I thank you for the generous way that you have looked after and assisted one another in feeling safe when coming before the Lord in prayer.

**ROOT & BRANCH** reaching out to people across the world who are campaigning, for an inclusive, safe and loving Catholic Church visit <https://www.rootandbranchsynod.org/>

**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.

**THE MARK 10 MISSION TEAM** In this liturgy, we hope you can join us this week to listen to The Word of God, Pray and Worship together

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**

To those who were able to attend, thank you. If you were 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>.

**HALIFAX FOOD BANK** is still providing food to ~200 people each week. As we enter the winter months' items such as hats, scarves, gloves and socks are needed – please help if you can.

**FLOWERS** Rota: 21 November Karen Parrish. Thank you to all who have regularly donated to the Flower Funding Rota. To help, please contact Doris Moorhead on 01422 842931.

**BRIERY ONLINE ZOOM MEDITATIONS** on Thursday from 7.30pm to 8.15pm. Open at 7.15pm for a chat and start promptly at 7.30pm. It is a simple format of praying with the Sunday Mass Readings. Zoom link Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82009483498?pwd=OUMraDBqUy9YRmxseHdVekpyWlVlVQT09>  
Meeting ID: 820 0948 3498 / Passcode: 421659

**CATHOLIC CARE VACANCIES** Catholic Care are recruiting a new Head of Finance who will work closely with the strategic Leadership Team with opportunities to progress. Catholic Care are working in exclusive partnership with Sharp Consultancy. Please send your CV directly to [jamiec@sharpconsultancy.com](mailto:jamiec@sharpconsultancy.com) quoting reference CC11154. A number of other vacancies: [www.catholic-care.org.uk](http://www.catholic-care.org.uk), 0113 388 5400

**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.

**CHRISTMAS MARKET** at Sacred Heart School, St Peter's Avenue, Sowerby Bridge from 10am – 2pm on Saturday 27 November. There will be lots of stalls from external people selling crafts etc. (so a good chance to do some Christmas shopping) as well as all the regular stalls – bottle stall, children's tombola, Christmas Stall, Hamper raffle, some fun games for children and maybe even a special visitor (big red suit!). We have a few unmanned stalls at the moment so if any members of the parish would like to help that would also be very much appreciated. Contact Fiona Mitchell Tel: 01422 831360

**NAZARETH** - A Family-friendly Mass Community. Are you a Catholic family with young children who would like to meet others in your situation for worship? Come to the second meeting of our Family-friendly Mass Community at St Patrick's church Elland, on Sunday November 21st at 1.30pm. Further details from Fr Hall 07525 419806

**FIELD NOTES** WE HAVE REACHED the end of the Church year.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the One who is and who was and who is to come.”

Jesus Christ is, the source of all that is, the Alpha. Through him, all things were created. And he is the Omega, the final goal for all creation. Every experience, every dream, every achievement is subordinated to this. “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts will never rest until they rest in you,” said Augustine. This is another way of saying that Jesus Christ is our King. He alone gives meaning to our lives.

In the Gospel Jesus has been arrested. He has been subjected to a summary trial by his enemies and found guilty of the capital crime of blasphemy. Jesus stands before Pontius Pilate the Roman governor of Palestine. “Are you the king of the Jews?” Pilate asks Jesus. It is hard not to hear a contemptuous tone in the question as Jesus stands there before him, a dishevelled prisoner. Immediately, Pilate experiences the power and dignity of Jesus. “Are you saying this on your own, or have others been telling you about me?” Pilate was not used to being addressed like this.

Not used to being challenged by Jews, there is anger and contempt in Pilate’s retort: “I am no Jew! It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me. What have you done?” There it is the phrase “handed over”, which echoes right through the Gospel. John the Baptist, Jesus and his disciples are all “handed over” into the hands of those who would wish to destroy them. And in the Eucharist – in a very different and loving way – the Body of Christ is “handed over” to us to be food for our journey.

And the question: “What have you done?” How is it to be answered in a few words? It is the story of Jesus from the moment of the Annunciation, through Bethlehem and Nazareth, to the public life of preaching and teaching, healing and liberating and finally suffering, dying and rising – out of love. Instead of answering, Jesus speaks of the nature of his kingship. It does not belong to this world; it is on a different level altogether. A level over which Pilate has no control.

Again, Pilate asks – now a little more respectful in response to the dignity and power he recognises in Jesus: “So, then, you are a king?”

To be subject to this King is to experience an extraordinary liberation. Earlier he had said, “The truth will make you free.” We are free because we have seen the truth through the eyes of Jesus and we who accept that truth can be free and faithful in Christ Jesus.

“I have come that they may have life, life in abundance” and “the Truth shall make you free”.

### **Go to YouTube – Search for**

Hymn to Christ the King, @ 2017, Sarah Hart  
Hail, Redeemer, King Divine · George J. Elvey · Patrick Brennan

It is good to be together

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

We pray for the families and friends of pregnant women. That they would recognise their responsibility to care for the mother and child, and that they would shower them with love and support through the journey of pregnancy and beyond. Lord hear us

### **These petitions are taken from parishioners' requests.**

Please pray for **Kate Leslie** as she undergoes further investigations

For **Rob Morley** he remains unwell and about to start another round of Chemotherapy

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** Terry Hume, Gabriel Hughes Raymond Smith,  
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**  
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### **PRAY FOR:**

**THE SICK** Edna Harwood, Robert Morley, Joseph Fleming, Fr John, Sarah McCann, Doris Phillips, Barry, Thomas Davis, Mary Harwood, Mary Howard, 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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