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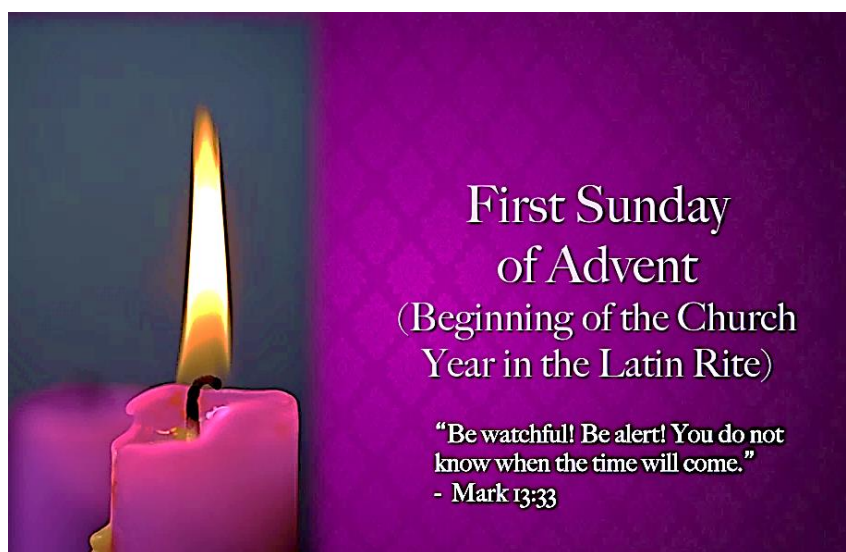
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

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

Sunday 28 Nov	9.30 AM	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 29 Nov		Advent Week 1	PRIVATE MASS	SOWERBY BRIDGE
Tues 30 Nov		ST ANDREW, APOSTLE, PATRON OF SCOTLAND		
Wed 01 Dec	12.00 noon	Advent Week 1	Yorkshire Brethren 2021	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thur 02 Dec		Advent Week 1		
Fri 03 Dec		St Francis Xavier, Priest	PRIVATE MASS	SOWERBY BRIDGE
Sat 04 Dec	10.00AM	Advent Week 1	-	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 05 Dec	9.30 AM	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YR 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

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.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2021

Our Theme This Year - O come, all ye faithful

Printed in 1751, the text was originally written in Latin as 'Adeste Fideles', generally credited to John Francis Wade. But the English translation, written by the English Catholic priest Frederick Oakeley in 1841, is the most commonly used version.

Today, you might recognise it as the penultimate hymn sung at the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols by the Choir of King's College, Cambridge. Wade's hymn is a simple carol that tells the story of baby Jesus. Its joyous lyrics ('Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!') invite us to join the angels in celebrating the Christ child's birth.

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him. Born the King of Angels
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

If you have the time search for the Classic FM 30 greatest Christmas carols of all time.

Parish Consultors met this week with the focus being largely on preparing for Advent and Christmas, a full set of minutes will be available soon but a few things that you may need to know as the season of Advent begins on Sunday 28 November 2021.

Advent

- Advent giving, as in previous years we will be supporting the Gianna project, a Moses basket will be placed in the foyer for you to add your gifts to.
- There will be a collection bucket throughout Advent for Crisis (meals for the homeless)
- We will of course be continuing our support of the Halifax foodbank

Rotas

- From January 2022 we would like to reinstate all rotas, if you were previously involved, we will assume that you would like to continue. If you would like to be involved or to opt out, would you let Fr Larkin or one of the consultors know asap. Readers, Welcome, Prayer Leaders, Children's Liturgy, Church cleaning, Drivers, Coffee after Mass.
- Coffee (and tea) after Mass will begin again on Gaudete Sunday the 12 December. More details to follow.

GUIDANCE ON COVID The message to remain cautious, be kind and help each other to stay safe is a good example of how we should act. We all have a shared responsibility towards each other and that includes keeping some of the measures in place that have helped keep people safe. Some people, particularly those who are clinically vulnerable, have good cause to be concerned about further lifting restrictions. We need to strike a balance between what we are allowed to do and what we see as responsible to do. We will continue to assess what we can reopen and adapt so that people who want to can come together again. I know that not everyone will agree with this cautious approach, but I take my responsibility for everyone's safety seriously. If we all play our part, we can look forward to being able to enjoy true freedom without such caution – something we all want, whatever our views.

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.

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 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

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/>

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

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 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.

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: 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 quoting reference CC11154. A number of other vacancies: www.catholic-care.org.uk, 0113 388 5400

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.

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.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR FR JOHN Landline: 01422 881190 / Mobile: 07856974301

FIELD NOTES

Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. Some of you listening to these words today will be acutely aware of their reality through the death of someone close to you: a relative or friend, a child or young person, an admired acquaintance. Sometimes, it is true, people know when their hour is likely to come, but this is not always the case. You may think it strange that, at the beginning of the Church's year, we are presented with the end. What the Church is doing, in fact, is inviting us to reflect upon the meaning of life: to stop and consider where we came from, why we are here, and to where we are heading.

In a few weeks' time, we shall celebrate the feast of Christmas, which comes in the midst of winter and at the darkest time of the year. Despite the austerity of the season, the birth of Jesus is a bright light in the darkness. It encourages us to reflect upon the beauty of human life and the dignity that has been given to us because of the Incarnation. In the scene of the lowly crib, we see a remarkable mystery full of potential despite the fact that we know babies are so fragile – a frailty which as adults we know only too well. This Christ Child has come to give meaning and direction to our existence. The prayer of Christmas Day expresses this beautifully: O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature, and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Saint John Henry Newman said, we were not created for nought. The glory of God is most visible in human life and activity, not least when we express our love for God and for our neighbour. That greatness does not depend on personal health or circumstance, but in grasping the gift and living it to the full in all the situations in which we find ourselves – even the most challenging.

During Advent, the Church invites us to reflect upon the wonder and the mystery that we are as human beings precisely because God shared our humanity in order to share with us his divinity. Pope Saint Leo the Great said in one of his Christmas sermons: O Christian, be aware of your nobility - it is God's own nature that you share. Despite all the natural shortcomings of our human nature we are called, beckoned by God. It is true, we sometimes falter, but we should never lose sight of the dignity that is given us, of where we came from and to where one day we shall return. We are, in the words of the prophet Isaiah, the work of God's own hands.

Go to YouTube – Search for

Creator of the Stars of Night · David A. Brinker · Randall DeBruyn
Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus · Janèt Sullivan Whitaker

It is good to be together

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

As we ponder the hope found in the second coming of our saviour, we pray for all those in need of hope. We pray especially for those contemplating having an abortion, that they would be reminded of the hope God brings and His fundamental desire for our good. We pray also that as a society we would become channels of God's hope, providing support to all pregnant women. 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 pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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.