

The Good Shepherd

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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 - YR 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. Donations of baby clothes, nappies, wipes etc to assist the Gianna Project and Bradford Baby Bank. This project is run by Catholic Care for any parent who needs help and support. Please be generous.
- There will be a collection bucket throughout Advent for Crisis (meals for the homeless) personal donation can be made online at <https://www.crisis.org.uk/>
- 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/>

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

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

LET IT BE DONE TO ME A series of online sessions via Zoom, exploring Mary's journey to Christmas through prayer and reflection on Scripture, led by Anna Dimond. Mondays in Advent (beginning 29 November), 7-8pm. For an invitation, email gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

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

RACHEL'S VINEYARD TALK Rachel's Vineyard-provide reconciliation and healing retreats for those have been involved in an abortion: Talk in Wheeler Hall, St Anne's Cathedral, Leeds LS2 8BE, by Rachel from Rachel's Vineyard on Wednesday 8 December starting at 6:30pm. Rachel will include her own abortion story, the stages of abortion grief, hope and healing for those affected by abortion and supporting someone who is post abortive. There is Mass at 5:30pm in the Cathedral. <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk>. Talk arranged by Leeds People for Life, email: 40daysforlifeleeds@gmail.com.

AN INVITATION TO CATHOLICS OF COLOUR The Justice and Peace Commission is partnering with Leeds Citizens to strengthen racial justice and equality across the diocese and in parishes. As a first step we want to listen to the experiences and views of Black and Minority Ethnic Catholics. Then with training and an action group we will seek to take practical steps in the diocese and to be a stronger influence in wider society. If you are

interested in finding out more or taking part please get in touch by emailing jandp@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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 jamiiec@sharpconsultancy.com quoting reference CC11154. A number of other vacancies: 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.

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