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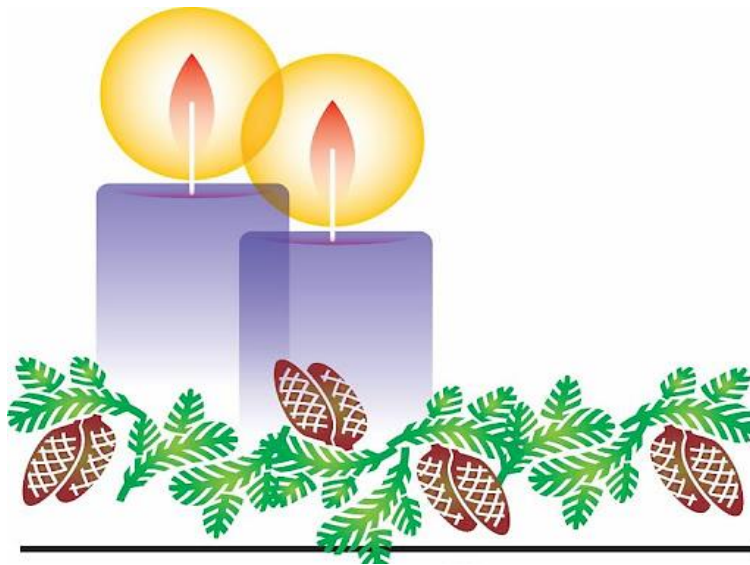
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

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

Sunday 05 Dec	9.30 AM	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YR C	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 06 Dec		Advent Week 2	PRIVATE MASS	SOWERBY BRIDGE
Tues 07 Dec		St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor		
Wed 08 Dec	12.00 noon	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	SVP	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thur 09 Dec		Advent Week 2		
Fri 10 Dec		Advent Week 2	PRIVATE MASS	SOWERBY BRIDGE
Sat 11 Dec	10.00AM	Advent Week 2	-	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 12 Dec	9.30 AM	GAUDETE SUNDAY	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

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!

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 mid-January 2022 we would like to reinstate the 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, get in touch with Fr Larkin 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. (To be kept under review.)

PRAY FOR THE DEAD

Please pray for the repose of Robert Morley. Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

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.

LOOKING FORWARD CHRISTMAS

Let us remind ourselves that Christmas is an octave – eight days – and that Masses celebrated between Christmas Day and New Year's Day are all Christmas Masses. The Church regards each day in an Octave as if it were the solemnity itself. So, for example, the prayers for Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours during the Christmas Octave refer to each day as if it were still Christmas Day. Despite having days within the Octave that are feasts: St Stephen, St John the Evangelist, the Holy Innocents and the Holy Family, and the concluding Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, each of these days is as the Roman Missal states, a *“day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.”* This means that, liturgically, each of the octave is 'Christmas Day'.

CHRISTMAS EVE + 5.30pm Friday 24 +THE CAROL SERVICE

CHRISTMAS DAY + 09.30am Saturday 25 + THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

SUNDAY 26TH + 09.30am THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH FEAST

WEDNESDAY 29TH + 12.00noon ST THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP AND MARTYR

SATURDAY 1ST 2022 + 10.00am SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

GUIDANCE ON COVID – From the Diocese of Leeds

The Government has put in place temporary and precautionary measures to prevent the spread of the new COVID-19 Omicron variant in the UK.

These new measures came into effect 4am on Tuesday 30 November 2021, and will be reviewed after a period of 3 weeks. The temporary measures are:

- Face coverings are compulsory in shops and settings such as banks, post offices and hairdressers, as well as on public transport unless individuals are exempt from doing so. NB. All hospitality settings and Places of Worship are currently exempt at this present moment.

Places of Worship

Care has to be taken to ensure that our churches continue to be safe places to gather and to worship. Each church should continue to assess the local situation regarding the virus and adapt as necessary to the local conditions. This may mean that in areas of very high transmission, churches may have tighter measures than those in areas of lower transmission.

At present the Government has not mandated any new restrictions on people attending Places of Worship. However, to mitigate new COVID infections and reduce the risk of transmission we would reinforce the recommendations of 19 July 2021; these being:

1. Sanitising hands-on entry to church and before liturgies.
 2. Ventilating churches well (especially during and between services) remains important.
 3. Maintaining a good general standard of routine cleaning using normal cleaning detergents is sufficient for regular use.
- Cleaning high frequency touch points in buildings after each act of worship.
 - Thoroughly cleaning the church.
 - Face Coverings

The Government's new mandatory guidance on the wearing of face coverings is related to specific building uses as set out above, this does not include Places of Worship specifically. The Government guidance - Coronavirus-how to stay safe and help prevent the spread (Updated 30 November 2021) states:

"In indoor settings where a face covering is not required, the Government continues to expect and strongly recommend that you wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, where you may come into contact with other people you do not normally meet." For the safety of all visitors to our churches and to reduce the risk of transmission we would support the recommendation for the wearing of face coverings when attending our Churches.

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.

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>.

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

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

THE CATHOLIC UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN Founded in 1870 to represent Catholic interests in Parliament and public life, the Catholic Union of Great Britain has a consultative status to Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It is a non-party political membership organization which includes people from all walks of life and every part of the country. With a wealth of lay-Catholic experience and expertise, its aim is to contribute in a well-informed and balanced way to the political issues of the day. The late Sir David Amess was a friend and supporter of many of their campaigns. They are keen to become better known, both at a diocesan and parish level, and have started a programme of encouraging parishes to become "Supporter Parishes" of the Catholic Union. They also produce a weekly briefing for members and supports with a digest of topical news. Visit www.catholicunion.org.uk, Email them at info@catholicunion.org.uk or Tel: 020 8749 1321

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.

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

GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER ZOOM a discussion at the end of the prayer on 30 November concluded that there is a wish that we should continue. The sessions have proven to be a strong source of support and spiritual nourishment over the long and ongoing period of the pandemic. We have been impressed by the deep faith shared by members of the group and the many ways in which they have expressed this in their choice of music, prayers, visual images, and willingness to help each other out with readings, prayers of the faithful, live music, IT skills and hosting. So, we continue and Nick Burchnall is going to send a questionnaire to parishioners. In the meantime, if there is anyone else who would like to lead a session, email jeanmarsh48@btinternet.com

Tuesday Prayer Zoom Rota

Dec 14 Jean and David Marsh / Dec 21 John and Cathy Duffy

Jan 11 Deborah Rolland and Roger Masters / Jan 18 Maureen and Frank Flynn

Jan 25 Nick Burchnall / Feb 01 Patricia and Paul Newman

Feb 8 Anne and Mike Plunkett

The above is a suggested rota up to February 08 2022.

Please swap with someone else if you find you are unavailable on the date suggested.

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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