

# The Good Shepherd

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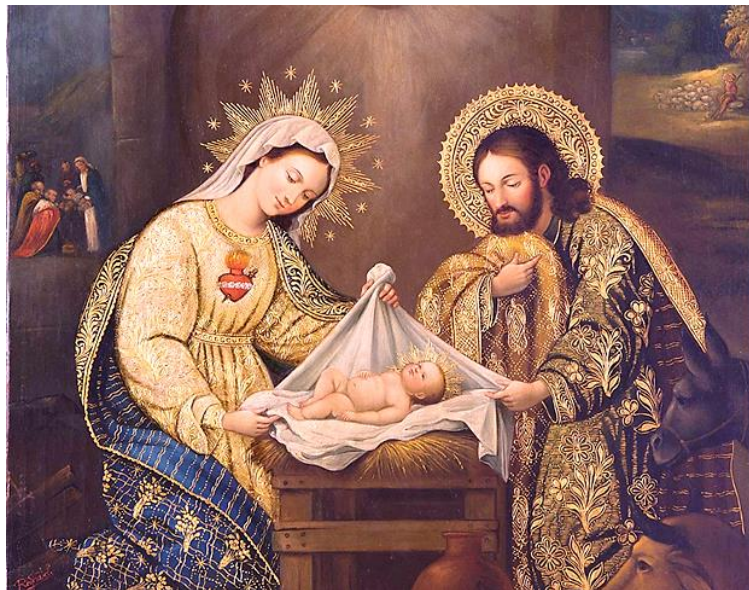
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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

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

Sunday 19 Dec	9.30 AM	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 20 Dec		Advent Weekday	PRIVATE MASS	SOWERBY BRIDGE
Tues 21 Dec		Advent Weekday		SOWERBY BRIDGE
Wed 22 Dec	12.00 noon	Advent Weekday	-	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thur 23 Dec		Advent Weekday		
FRIDAY 24 DEC	5.30PM SERVICE	CHRISTMAS EVE READINGS AND CAROLS	THE CAROL SERVICE	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
SATURDAY 25 DEC	09.30AM MAS	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	Keith Dimond [LD]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
SUNDAY 26 DEC	9.30 AM	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

**AS THE NATIVITY** of the Lord fast approaches, I would like to thank you for your support and encouragement during this last year. Let us hasten to the manger of the Lord. But before drawing near we must prepare ourselves as well as we can with the help of his grace; and then, in company with the angels and saints, with pure heart, good conscience, and authentic faith, we may proclaim:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth;

Let us pray

May the sacrifice to be offered to you, O Lord, make us acceptable to your name, that we may merit for all eternity to be the companions of Christ, by whose birth our own mortality was healed.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen. (RM17 to 24 December p183)

I would like to thank those who have helped me during this year. With my very best wishes, gratitude and the assurance of prayers for you and those you love. Fr Larkin

**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.

### **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. If you are anxious about the ongoing pandemic situation, consider attending church on one of the Octave days other than Christmas Day.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICE + 5.30pm** Friday 24 +THE CAROL SERVICE

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

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

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

**SATURDAY 1ST JAN 2022 MASS + 10.00am** SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

**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)

**CLARIFICATION ON THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION** - The Bishops, now having reflected on the current situation in England and Wales, recognise that the causes and effects of the pandemic are still present to such a degree that the absolute duty for all to freely attend the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration cannot yet be fulfilled.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER** are holding a service for Epiphany on Sunday Jan 9, 3pm at St Thomas's, Heptonstall. All are welcome.

### **GUIDANCE ON COVID Government Plan B - Covid Guidance**

Please note the following to mitigate Covid-19 infections and reduce transmission:

- If you have any symptoms of Covid-19, please stay at home and not travel to church.
- Hand sanitiser continue to be available on entry to the church.
- Good ventilation and airflow should be enabled throughout the church premises.
- Face coverings are compulsory in most public indoor venues, including **places of worship**.

Please wear a face covering when attending church unless you are exempt from doing so.

- Everyone should test using a lateral flow device, particularly before entering a setting involving people you wouldn't normally come into contact with, or when visiting a vulnerable person (Government announcement of the move to Plan B in England).

If these guidance points remain supported, then our churches will continue to be safe places for people to gather for prayer and liturgical celebrations, including over the Christmas period.

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.

**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

**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

### **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.

**REPAIR AND REUSE** A Repair Cafe, run by skilled volunteers, is available in Heptonstall School on the second Saturday of each month from 10am - 1pm. Electrical and furniture repairs, sewing and mending and knife sharpening, is undertaken whilst enjoying a friendly chat with cake and a cuppa. More details are available on their Facebook page.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE** Many of you I'm sure will have plans for New Year's Eve. However, if you've nothing on, you are welcome to my: Open House at Maggie's: 38 Nest Lane, Mytholmroyd. HX75AZ; My thoughts are: 7.30-8.30pm: children's games and meditation  
9pm: quiet reflection and music / 10pm: party time 11.45pm: quiet time / 12am: let the party continue. Everyone welcome for all or a part of the evening.  
Please bring a finger food and a drink. **Please do Lateral Flow test before coming**

**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 OFFERING**

Each year, the collection taken at Christmas, together with the collection taken at Easter, is the offering which forms an important part of the annual taxable income of priests.

If you would prefer to make an offering by direct bank transfer to the parish bank account, please mark it '**Christmas Offering**'. details are:

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Thank you