

The Good Shepherd

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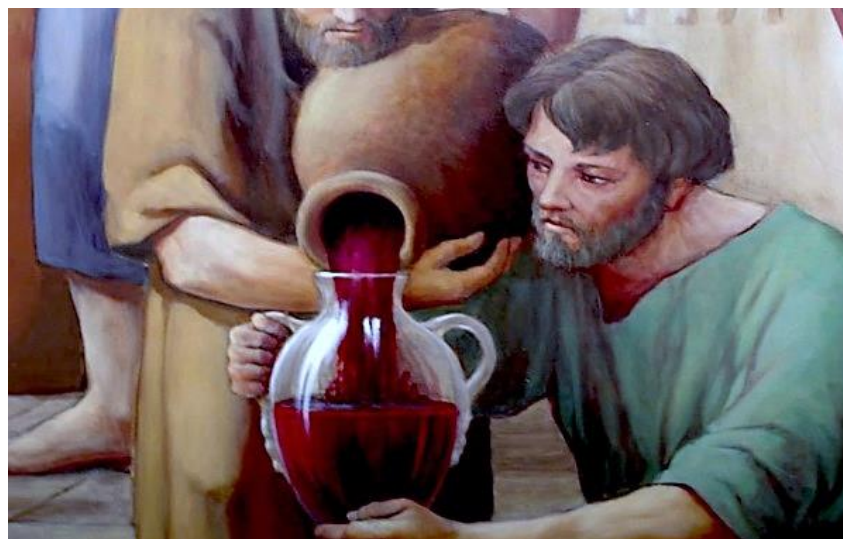
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - 16 January 2022

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

Sunday 16 JAN 22	9.30 am MASS	SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 17 JAN 22		St Anthony, Abbot	-	SOWERBY BRIDGE
Tues 18 JAN 22		Weekday in Ordinary Time	-	SOWERBY BRIDGE
Wed 19 JAN 22	12.00 NOON	St Wulstan, Bishop	Shay Durkin [LD]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thur 20 JAN 22		St Sebastian, Martyr	-	
Fri 21 JAN 22		St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	-	
Sat 22 JAN 22	10.00 am	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	Gerard Hodgson [A]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 23 JAN 22	9.30 am MASS	THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	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

GEZ HODGSON FIRST ANNIVERSARY After Mass at 10.00 on Saturday 23 January, which is being said for the soul of Gez and for the welfare of his family and friends, you are warmly invited back to my house (27 Kell Butts, Wainstalls HX2 7TW) for coffee, tea or drinks, to celebrate together and remember a life, a chance we were denied after the funeral conducted under restrictions. (Please test in advance of attendance) **Nick Burchnell**

FATHER JOHN

Fr John expressly wishes to THANK YOU all for your prayers, good wishes and the many, many Christmas cards and letters received. Understandingly, he feels frustrated by his current situation of not being able to be with you in person and sends you all his blessing. Fr John continues to reside at Rastrick Hall Care Home Brighouse. He continues to be safe and free from Covid. Family visit Erringden Rd regularly to keep an eye on the property and to collect and deliver the considerable amount of Christmas mail. He wishes to thank you all for your prayers, good wishes and the many Cards and letters received, he has been moved to tears by your love. Visiting is currently suspended, except for emergency situations, due to the Care Home's significant staff absence situation. They are hopeful that normal staffing levels will be returned to normal before too much longer. Following medical/social assessments of John's situation he is judged to require 24-hour Care. With all good wishes, David Gott

PEACE SUNDAY "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace" (Is 52:7) Today, 16 January, is PEACE SUNDAY and this year Pope Francis asks us to think about 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'. The need for peace in the world is obvious. People are struggling against violence and conflict, growing inequalities, the effects of climate change and the covid pandemic. How can we harness the gifts and energy of all generations in the work of peacemaking? Which 'tools for building lasting peace' do you think Pope Francis might be talking about? In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which does a great deal of good work to promote peace and nonviolence through parishes, schools and social media. Their website suggests many ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children. Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, visit their website paxchristi.org.uk

GIANNA PROJECT A sincere thank you to the wonderful response to the Gianna project. Seven large boxes of baby essentials have been delivered. God bless you all.

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.

GUIDANCE ON COVID

Over the next few weeks, we will slowly reintroduce the Mass / hymn books etc with a view to singing at Mass by February. The following still applies which helps 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.
- Good ventilation and airflow should be enabled throughout the church premises.

Face Coverings compulsory in indoor settings.

Hand Sanitiser available for people to use.

Congregational Singing to be introduced by February.

The Communion Rite Sign of Peace and chalice remains suspended.

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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Tuesday 18 Jan at 1.30pm St John in the Wilderness Cragg Vale followed by coffee

Wednesday 19 Jan at 10.00am Hebden Royd Methodist Church - coffee at Old Gate

Thursday 20 Jan at 9.00am - St James

Friday 21 Jan at 12noon - Hope Baptist Church followed by light lunch

Please try to support one or more of these services.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED As you've probably noticed we have introduced readers and prayer leaders to Sunday's Mass, this is great as we are increasingly able to celebrate as we used to. Sadly, though the number of people involved in these ministries has diminished during this time, if you would like to be either a reader, prayer leader or welcomer please see Jo or any of the consultants. Also, refreshments after Mass have resumed, if you would like to help in this way speak to one of the consultants.

LUNCHEON CLUB In the next few weeks a review will take place of the luncheon club. It is hoped that we can resume our luncheon club in the near future, if you are interested in getting involved - not necessarily cooking there are lots of other roles please see Doris or Anne Plunkett.

WHY WE NEED THE BEAUTIFUL Life Transfigured, a series of talks exploring Catholic Faith and the Arts throughout 2022, begins on 18 January, 7-8pm with an online presentation by Fleur Dorrell of the Bible Society. Fleur will consider the contribution of visual arts to faith. PLEASE NOTE THIS TALK IS ONLINE ONLY (and not at Hinsley Hall as originally advertised). For a Zoom link, please email lifetransfigured@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

CATHOLIC YOUTH WORK TRAINING Facilitated by the Diocese of Leeds Youth Service, this training is for anyone who works with young people, is interested in working with young people or anyone who just wants to find out more about Catholic Youth Work! The training will take place at Hinsley Hall on Monday 7 February 2022 from 7-9pm. The training is free

but you must book your place by emailing the Youth Office at: youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY (www.stfrancismorley.org.uk) St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Hunslet, seeks to appoint a Headteacher for September 2022. For further information or to visit the school, contact Mr Hutchinson on 0113 2712093 or for an application pack please email: educ.headteacher@leeds.gov.uk. Closing date: 4 February 2022, 12 noon.

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

We have 4 candidates for the sacrament of confirmation.

Please pray for Martha Talbot, Colette Brown, Sol Doherty and Lucia Joseph

RECONCILIATION ON SATURDAY 2 APRIL 2022 AT 2PM AT ST BERNARD'S CHURCH, HALIFAX FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN OUR 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; Jowoodhead1@gmail.com or mobile 07725 854932

CATENIANS Any men wishing to consider joining this Catholic Men's Group is invited to contact Dennis Donnelly, the Membership Officer on 01484 606042. At the January monthly meeting of the Catenians this Tuesday the 18 at the Pennine Manor Hotel, there will be a short presentation from Raymond Friel CEO of CSAN about their work for which the Huddersfield Circle is supporting with this year's Presidents Charity.

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.

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.

FLOWER ROTA Next two months: 16 January Mary Miles, 23 January Breda & Chris Allen, 30 January Mary Baldwin. 06 February Vacant, 13 February Alan Oswin, 20th February Linda Oswin, 27 February Kay Pierce.

TUESDAY PRAYER ZOOM ROTA / 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.

ROOT AND BRANCH Stolen Lives in solidarity with Survivors is the subject for 4 topics to be discussed between January and February. To register: www.rootandbranchsynod.org / or speak to Maureen Flynn



JOIN US

Sunday 6 March @ 1.30pm | Sunday 24 April @ 1.30pm

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