

# The Good Shepherd

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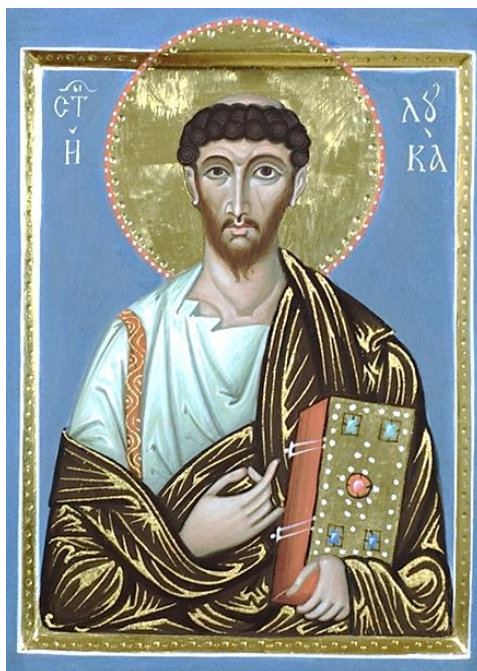
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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - 30 January 2022

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

Sunday 30 JAN 22	9.30 am MASS	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 31 JAN 22		St John Bosco, Priest	-	SOWERBY BRIDGE
Tues 01 FEB 22		Weekday in Ordinary Time	-	SOWERBY BRIDGE
Wed 02 FEB 22	12.00 NOON	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - FEAST	For KMML	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thur 03 FEB 22		St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr	-	
Fri 04 FEB 22		Weekday in Ordinary Time	-	
Sat 05 FEB 22	10.00 am	St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	-	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 06 FEB 22	9.30 am MASS	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Peter, Catherine and Mary Price	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

**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)

## **GUIDANCE ON COVID**

COVID-19 measures following the ending of Plan B in England on Thursday 27 January. Some of the key points to note are: There should be a return to the normal mode of celebrating Mass respecting the integrity of the Rite. This includes:

The use of hymn books, missals etc can be resumed.

The reintroduction of the Prayer of the Faithful.

Holy Communion should be distributed to the faithful immediately after the celebrant receives Holy Communion and no longer deferred until after the Blessing and dismissal.

**Face Coverings** optional.

**Hand Sanitiser** available for people to use.

**Congregational Singing** to be introduced early February.

**The Communion Rite** Sign of Peace and chalice remain under review.

**The following** still applies which helps to mitigate Covid-19 / Flu infections and reduce transmission: If you have any symptoms of Covid-19, please stay at home and do not travel to church. Good ventilation and airflow important throughout the church premises.

**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.

## **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

We are pleased to let you know that we have new plans for our children and young people.

We plan to trial a **monthly Sunday morning group after 9.30am Mass**.

This will be for all ages, since we will divide into age groups throughout the morning and will be from Mass until 12noon.

We will include, teaching, activities, games, food and sometimes a project (e.g., fundraising). This will therefore incorporate some of what we did in the Youth Group, and some of what we did during Mass on Sunday mornings. We hope to involve church members who may be able to help from time to time with different activities.

We hope that the children will bring something to Mass on the following Sunday.

For the present time we will not run the Children's Liturgy on Sundays during Mass. Instead, we will provide worksheets and activities in church for children. We are convinced that, although children are drawing or playing during Mass, they are still soaking up what is said and the atmosphere of what is happening around them.

We plan to try this for 3 months and we look forward to hearing your feedback.

If you are happy to help on occasions or have any thoughts or questions please do speak with Maggie or Emma. It will be great to meet up with all the children and young people again, thank you for your support, Maggie and Emma

## THE MARK 10 MISSION TEAM

Thank you as always for your support with our project.

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

We have 4 candidates for the sacrament of confirmation.

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

**REHEARSAL FOR CONFIRMATION WEDNESDAY 9 FEBRUARY AT ST MALACHY'S 7-00PM, PARENTS AND SPONSORS TO ATTEND IF POSSIBLE.**

### Confirmation Candidates.

1. By the **04 February** could you let me have a **full list of names, chosen Confirmation Names, Sponsor and parents** in order to prepare the cards we will use during Confirmation on the night. Please contact; Jowoodhead1@gmail.com or mobile 07725 854932 – thank you.

### 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

## CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT HOUSE GROUPS

It is time to start planning the house groups after a gap of 2 years, though a couple of groups did start in 2020. We are going to use 'Music with Spiritual Meaning' that was devised by Kathie Heathcoat, the Methodist Minister.

The groups will start w/b 07 March and will be on the following days

Mon morning	Mytholmroyd	10.00am
Mon afternoon	Hebden Bridge	2.00pm
Wed afternoon	Heptonstall	2.30pm
Thurs afternoon	Mytholmroyd	2.30pm
Wed evening	by Zoom	time TBC

There will be a list at the back of church to sign if you would like to attend. Or you can let me know (07836 268991). Please sign by 13 Feb so we have time to organise CDs and booklets. A donation to cover costs would help (about £2). These are enjoyable groups with the opportunity to share thoughts with other Christians in the area.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** 2022 is a special year for World Day of Prayer in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. This year WE have prepared the service "For I Know The Plans I Have For You". (Jeremiah 29:11) The service will be held at St Michael's Parish Church, Mytholmroyd on Friday 04 March at 1.30pm. Everyone is welcome at this ecumenical service. Our recent Synodal consultation asked us to reflect on our relationship with other Christian denominations and this local WDP service gives the people of The Good Shepherd the opportunity to re-engage with our neighbouring churches in Mytholmroyd and Hebden-Bridge in prayer, music and reflection. Please put this date in your diary and join us.

**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 consultors. Also, refreshments after Mass have resumed, if you would like to help in this way speak to one of the consultors.



**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.

**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](mailto:youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk).

**HEADTEACHER VACANCY** ([www.stfrancismorley.org.uk](http://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](mailto:educ.headteacher@leeds.gov.uk). Closing date: 4 February 2022, 12 noon.

**CATENIANS** Any men wishing to consider joining this Catholic Men's Group is invited to contact Dennis Donnelly, the Membership Officer on 01484 606042.

**HALIFAX FOOD BANK** is still providing food to 200 people each week, 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 on their Facebook page.

**FLOWER ROTA** Next two months: 30 January Mary Baldwin. 06 February Vacant, 13 February Alan Oswin, 20 February Linda Oswin, 27 February Kay Pierce.

**TUESDAY PRAYER ZOOM ROTA** 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](http://www.rootandbranchsynod.org) / or speak to Maureen Flynn

**INVITATION TO VOLUNTEER WITH CAFOD** Could you spare a few hours a month to share your talents, experience and energy volunteering for CAFOD?

- **In parish** – help to promote CAFOD's work to support communities globally who are living with injustices and in poverty.
- **In local schools** – deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided.
- **Coordinating volunteers** - help support, encourage and bring together a small group of CAFOD volunteers in your local area.

If you'd like to know more, get in touch with Angela [apowell@cafod.org.uk](mailto:apowell@cafod.org.uk) or call 07779804247

**UPDATE** Fr John was admitted to Huddersfield R I early Saturday 22 January with another infection. He was on a course of antibiotics and under observation with further tests being carried out. Thankfully, Fr John has now returned to Rastrick Hall where he, " is glad to be back in his own nice warm and quiet room, rather than be parked on another cold, noisy ward for days on end".

**GEZ HODGSON ANNIVERSARY** I would like to thank all those who attended Mass last Saturday on Gez's first anniversary and to those who were able to make the trip up to Wainstalls afterwards. It is comforting to realise that he is not forgotten and remembered with such love. Nick Burchnall

### **PARISH GIVING**

If you wish to set up a standing order account details are:

**Good Shepherd Mytholmroyd**

**Sort Code 40-27-15**

**Account No. 21023209**

Thank you for supporting the parish it is very much appreciated.