The Good Shepherd

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 20 February 2022

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

| Sunday 20 FEB 22 | 9.30 am MASS | SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | For Deceased members of the Fleet Family (Wirral) | GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH |
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| Mon 21 FEB 22 | | St Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church | - | SOWERBY BRIDGE |
| Tues 22 FEB 22 | | THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER, THE APOSTLE | _ | SOWERBY BRIDGE |
| Wed 23 FEB 22 | 12.00 NOON | St Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr | - | GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH |
| Thur 24 FEB 22 | | Weekday of Ordinary Time | - | |
| Fri 25 FEB 22 | | Weekday in Ordinary Time | - | |
| Sat 26 FEB 22 | 10.00 am | Saturday Mass of Our Lady | Rev Sean Elliott, ordained to the Priesthood | GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH |
| Sunday 27 FEB 22 | 9.30 am MASS | EIGHTH SUNDAY IN 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**

JOHN PEART-BINNS - MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Requiem Mass will be celebrated for John on **Wednesday 9 March at 12 noon**. Please keep in your prayers John and remember also all the family and friends at this time. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

NB Due to the funeral of John Peart-Binns on Wednesday 9 March at 12 noon, it will be necessary to cancel the Luncheon Club on that day.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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

FORTHCOMING ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Please pray for Rev Sean Elliott, as he prepares to be ordained to the Priesthood on **Saturday 26 February 2022, 11:00am** at Leeds Cathedral. Sean is currently serving in the parishes of St Columba and Our Lady of Lourdes and St Malachy, Halifax.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Congratulations to our 4 candidates who received the sacrament of confirmation. **Continue to 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 **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** It is intended to resume the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year from Friday 1 July 2022 to Thursday 7 July 2022 with Tangney Tours, prices starting from £705-00. Booking forms and more information is available by the notice board in the new lobby between St Stephen's Church and the Parish Centre. For full details and to book, please go to www.tangney-tours.com/leeds or phone 01732 886666

CLEANING VOLUNTEERS Would you be able to spend an hour or so every six weeks cleaning the body of the church? The main tasks are dusting and hoovering the carpets and flooring. If you'd be willing to join our cleaning rota, please contact Lou Melling on louise.melling@gmail.com for more information.

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 contact Jo on Jowoodhead1@gmail.com. Also, refreshments after Mass have resumed, if you would like to help in this way speak to one of the consultors.

BOOK CLUB Reminder - the ZOOM Book Club takes place on Tuesday 1 March 7-8pm: Behold the Beauty of the Lord: Praying with Icons, by Henri Nouwen (£10.99), led by Fr Mark Jarmuz. To book a place, please email: mark.jarmuz@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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: 20 February Linda Oswin, 27 February Kay Pierce.

THE MARK 10 MISSION TEAM

The Way to Happiness — The Mark 10 Mission.

In this liturgy we ask: What is the way to true and lasting happiness? Jesus explains to his followers that true happiness can never be found in wealth or fame, it can only be found in Him. We pray that we are always able to put Him first in our lives and sing a song thanking Him for his goodness!

Don't forget, we also have the story of St. Bernadette and Our Lady of Lourdes for teachers to use in class today.

Saint Bernadette and Our Lady of Lourdes — The Mark 10 Mission.

This will be our last liturgy for the half-term. We are heading to Hinsley Hall in a week's time to film some brand new content for Lent and Easter, so please keep us in your prayers. Our next liturgy will be for Ash Wednesday.

Thank you so much for supporting us this half-term and sharing our liturgies. Tens of thousands of children have joined us each week.

Click on https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/new-202122-episodes

Please visit THE MARK 10 MISSION YouTube channel – like, share and subscribe.

FAITH IN THE BUILT FORM The Glory of Our Catholic Churches

Life Transfigured, a series of talks exploring Catholic Faith and the Arts throughout 2022, continues on **22 February, from 7-8pm at Wheeler Hall,** with a talk by architectural historian Sophie Andreae CBE. Sophie will examine the embodiment of Catholic faith in church architecture. To register, email lifetransfigured@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

TUESDAY PRAYER ZOOM ROTA if there is anyone else who would like to lead a session, please email jeanmarsh48@btinternet.com

Feb 22 John and Cathy Duffy / Mar 01 Deborah Rolland and Roger Masters

Mar 08 Maureen and Frank Flynn / Mar 15 Nick Burchnall

Mar 22 Patricia and Paul Newman / Mar 29 Anne and Mike Plunkett

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

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 or call 07779804247

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 |
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| Mon afternoon | Hebden Bridge | 2.00pm |
| Wed afternoon | Heptonstall | 2.30pm |

Thurs afternoon Wed evening Mytholmroyd by Zoom 2.30pm 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.

CATHOLIC CARE Catholic Care are still recruiting further support staff for Eller Beck. For more information, please call in to the Catholic Care office in Eller Beck Court, or for an application form or more information visit www.catholic-care.org.uk or call 0113 388 5400.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION Fr Dennis Cassidy leads a Lenten Day of Reflection at the Briery on Friday 4 March or Saturday 5 March from 10-00am to 3-30pm. Booking essential. Please call the Briery on 01943607287 or email: briery@btconnect.com. Suggested offering of £37 per person including morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea.

EXPLORING PRAYER - Online Guided Prayer 7-18 March 2022 This offers an opportunity to take time out, deepen your relationship with God and discover new ways of praying. Suggested offering £20-00. To register please call the Briery on 01943 607287 or email: briery@btconnect.com

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EDUCATION VACANCIES IN OUR DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Headteacher Vacancy: St Francis Catholic Primary School, Morley wishes to appoint a practising Catholic to lead the school. Please contact the school office on 0113 323 0554 pr vacancies@stfrancismorley.org.uk for details and an application pack. Closing date: 28 February 2022

Deputy Headteacher Vacancies: St Mary's, Menston seeks to appoint two deputy headteachers from September 2022. Further information at

www.stmarysmenston.org/vacancies or from Dion Mills, 07899 063321, dion.mills@hays.com Closing date: 28 February 2022.

RE-OPENING OF THE LUNCHEON CLUB Preparations for the re-opening of the GS luncheon Club are now completed. Deep Clean of Kitchen, Bar area and floor cleaning completed by 08 February. They have done a magnificent job. The extra deep cleaning the floor of the bar and kitchen has restored the area to as new at a total cost of £330.00. And so, we are delighted that after a closure of almost two years due to COVID restrictions, we can welcome our guests back. We will resume our weekly lunches on WEDNESDAY 23 FEBRUARY AT 12.45pm. If you were not a previous guest but would like to know more about joining us, speak to Anne Plunkett or Doris Moorhead, Anne is available for further information on 01274 605066 or 07973388080.

NB Due to the funeral of John Peart-Binns on WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH AT 12 NOON, it will be necessary to cancel the Luncheon Club on that day. Dates for your diary now are, 23 February, 02 March and 16 March. A full list of opening dates will be given at our reopening lunch.

UPDATE RASTRICK HALL where Fr John is resident has had another case of covid, so no visits for another 10 days. Fr John, sends his love to the whole parish, and thanks everyone for the cards and messages they have sent him.

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.