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Sunday 19th + SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Mass Book Vol 1 Year C p139f

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

Sunday 19 Feb	9.30 am	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Monday 20 Feb		Weekday in Ordinary Time		
Tuesday 21 Feb		St Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church		
Wednesday 22 Feb	12.00 noon	ASH WEDNESDAY	November Dead List 2022/23	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thursday 23 Feb		Thursday after Ash Wednesday		
Friday 24 Feb		Friday after Ash Wednesday		
Saturday 25 Feb	10.00am	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	For Tanya	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 26 Feb	9.30 am	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	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

ASH WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY the days are slowly getting longer heralding the imminent arrival of spring, with Shrove Tuesday, Lent, and Easter. The season of Lent is intrinsically linked to spring - Ash Wednesday, which marks the start of Lent in the Christian calendar, has been observed for centuries. This is a day of penance for the whole Church of the Roman Rite, to be marked by fasting and abstinence from the eating of meat. After the Gospel, the ashes are blessed and distributed (RM. p234-235). I invite you to attend Holy Mass and receive the ashes on the Wednesday 22 Feb at 12-00 Noon. Also available to you Holy Mass at **Sacred Heart & St. Patrick, Sowerby Bridge HX6 2BA – Mass - 7-30pm.**

CAFOD Syria Turkey Earthquake Appeal Wonderful response of £850.72 made up to £1000 from parish. Thank you. Sincere thank you for £50.00 towards the CAFOD Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal – from the luncheon club account.
Donate online Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

CONFIRMATION Tuesday 28 February 2023 at 7.00pm St Malachy's Church Ovenden
We have 2 candidates for the sacrament of confirmation, please pray for William and Lucia.

BISHOP-ELECT PHILIP MOGER will be ordained Bishop by Archbishop John Wilson on Tuesday 21 February 2023 at 12.30 pm in St George's Cathedral, Southwark.
Please keep the Bishop-Elect in your prayers as he approaches this important new chapter in his ministry. Join the service via live-stream by following: https://youtu.be/6hqaJ3_Qp80

LENT HOUSE GROUPS The lists of the groups are available at the back of church. I have some extra booklets if anyone wants one. They will start the week beginning 26 February. Please sign the list at the back of church or let Kay know if you wish to attend.

LUNCHEON CLUB Dear Friends, A heartfelt thank you for your precious donation of £50. This is helping us to deliver much-needed food aid to children in Syria, following two devastating earthquakes. Many of those who have survived these earthquakes have lost their loved ones and their homes, and they have very little access to food and shelter. Conditions in and around the city of Aleppo are very difficult – roads are damaged, and our partner organisation has seen heavy damage to its buildings. Despite these challenges, we are already reaching many vulnerable children with essential food supplies. Our emergency response is providing urgent support to children in desperate need. On behalf of the families affected by this terrible situation, I thank you with all my heart for your kindness. Yours sincerely Daniel Adams
Executive Director, Mary's Meals UK

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY Please visit Churches Together Britain and Ireland website – 22 April 2023 marks the 30th anniversary of the racist killing of Black teenager, Stephen Lawrence, in Eltham, southeast London. To read more visit
- <https://ctbi.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday-2023-stephen-lawrence/>
or <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday/>

RETRouvaille WEEKEND A weekend residential programme for renewal, rediscovery and healing for marriages. 24 – 26 February, Welwyn Garden City.
More information: <https://www.retrouvaille.org.uk/>.

ROOT & BRANCH NEW SHOOTS international grassroots forum for an inclusive, just & safe Church. Please visit <https://www.rootandbranchsynod.org/new-shoots>
Where you can read – the powerful encyclical, Laudato Si, Pope Francis calls for radical change. You can also subscribe to the Root & Branch newsletter.

MISSION Sr. Maria Silva O.P. will be leading a Lenten Mission (Monday 27 Feb – 2 March). Leading a Roman University, Sr Maria's story is amazing! She will be speaking at 7pm each evening Ss Peter & Paul St George's Walk Wakefield WF2 7NR.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Sowerby Bridge HX6 1BL

Have you thought about being a school governor? This is a voluntary role which only involves 4-6 meetings a year. All governors have to have a full DBS check (which the Diocese complete on your behalf). If you are interested, have a word with Fr Larkin or visit Diocese of Leeds website: www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education.

"I AM WITH YOU" - HALIFAX DEANERY MISSION 2023 In the week leading up to the Feast of the Ascension (15 - 18 May 2023) the Catholics of the Halifax Deanery will be celebrating a week of Mission, sharing with each other and the wider community the love of Jesus. To access the latest information and follow developments, please use the following social media: Facebook: @missionhalifax
Twitter: @halifaxmission / Instagram: @missionhalifax

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND DIACONATE Pray for the following men currently in formation for the Priesthood in the Diocese of Leeds:

Rev Paul Moores Pontifical Beda College, Rome

Philip Thornley Pontifical Beda College, Rome

Alex Noad St Mary's College, Oscott

Stephen O'Hara St Mary's College, Oscott

Please pray for the following men currently in formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Leeds: Danny Murphy, Jack Clark, Dominic Williams, Paul Coates, Martin Fenlon, and Nicholas Stoddart

LENT PRAYER MEETINGS (two on zoom, three in person, see below) if there is anyone else who would like to lead a session contact, email jeanmarsh48@btinternet.com

Tuesday Prayer meetings for Lent 2023

February 28 Jean and David Marsh **On Zoom**

March 7 Anne and Mike Plunkett **On Zoom**

March 14 John and Cathy Duffy **In person at GS**

March 21 Nick Burchnall **In person at GS**

March 28 Maureen and Frank Flynn **In person at GS**

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

SVP JOB VACANCY Membership Support Officer in the Leeds Diocese. 15 hours per week, with some weekends and evenings. Home-based, but need to be able to travel. Travel expenses paid. More information from Lance Philpott, Head of Membership, lancep@svp.org.uk.

DIocese OF LEEDS PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023 6 nights from £745. 7-13 July 2023 by air from Leeds/Bradford Airport. To book please contact Tangney Tours, tel 01732 886666, www.tangney-tours.com & follow links for Lourdes, Leeds. Booking forms will arriving in parishes very soon. (Pilgrim's Mass, Saturday 20 May 12pm at Holy Name Church, Otley Old Road, LS16 6HW. Light buffet and social in the hall afterwards, also medical checks.)

HAPPYDAYS Letter from Dave Fawcett. As valued friends of Christians Together Calderdale, I am getting in touch to let you know about the changes to our charity. From the start of this year, the services CTC previously managed at The Gathering Place are going to be

officially transferred to the management of Happydays Ministries UK (registered charity 1157527). These comprise the food bank based at the New Ebenezer Church; the eight-bedroom winter night shelter; the Banqueting Table café, which offers a free lunch to anyone in need; and drop-in services including a weekly NHS clinic, laundry facilities, and advice from our support workers.

Many of you will know that I founded Happydays in 2014 and have been working with both Happydays and CTC for some time. The team we now have at Happydays is developing quickly and is able to take on the practical challenges of ensuring that the services are professional, resilient, and can survive these tough economic times.

In particular, Ellen Boothe, formerly our Head of Operations, is now joining me as co-CEO, bringing with her a wealth of experience, not only in management and policy, but at every level of the charity - from dealing with hard-to-reach clients to maintaining key stakeholder relationships. As Happydays, we have ambitious development plans for the services, including creating a community supermarket, expanding our offering for homeless clients in crisis here in Halifax, and expanding our reach into Kirklees.

Meanwhile, Christians Together Calderdale is going to refocus on its original mission of developing our Christian faith together in an inclusive way. We will host meetings such as Alpha groups, Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, which each have a faith element, and we aim also to return to the Saturday Gatherings, which have sadly paused since the pandemic. More information www.happydaysuk.org or contact Dave Fawcett dave@happydaysuk.org

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 There are still places available on the Diocese of Leeds Youth Service pilgrimage for World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal from 31 July – 7 August 2023, a week-long youth festival with Pope Francis and young people from across the world! Aged 15-30? You're invited! Cost: £1200, which includes accommodation, travel, WYD package and more! Fundraising opportunities are available so don't let price be a barrier! Email youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk to apply.

FLOWER FUNDING ROTA 19 February Anne & Michael Plunkett.

MARY'S MEALS – SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL Following reports of the devastating earthquakes affecting Turkey and Syria, the prayers of the Mary's Meals family are with the many families caught up in this disaster and those mourning loved ones. We invite you to join us in prayer for those affected, and for the success of emergency response efforts. Mary's Meals has provided school meals in Syria since 2017 with our local partner Dorcas, and we have now launched an emergency appeal to provide urgent support for children and families in and around Aleppo who are in desperate need. To find out more or donate, please visit marysmeals.org.uk/campaigns/syria or call 0800 6981212.

SPRING CLEANING Spring is traditionally a good time for clearing up neglected corners, and Lent is surely the best time for refreshing our spiritual lives. We have the opportunity to do both at once – the bookshelf in the lounge is very largely neglected, some of the books have not been opened in years. We are taking the radical step of giving away all of those books – next Sunday you can take a book (or books) to keep or to pass on. There are

books about theology, prayer, faith, the Bible, liturgy ... They will be displayed next Sunday (before and) after Mass. One title in the collection is *Why can't we stay as we are?* and an answer might be that we grow, our tastes change, and the ways in which we read evolve - there are opportunities for reflective reading on-line, for example. Our attempt to start a spiritual reading group was thwarted by lockdown. John Duffy proposes to host a meeting, inviting people to bring along a book, or a scripture passage or a poem that is important to your spiritual life – date still to be decided.

JUSTICE AND PEACE - CALDERDALE LEARNING ACADEMY Liz Firth of the Justice and Peace commission wants to draw your attention to the following local project. Calderdale Learning Academy in Mytholmroyd we are looking for local people who might enjoy coming into school on a few occasions to work with the young people on a social action issue they have identified - something they care about. The first session will take place **Thursday 16 March** from 2-3pm in school and there'll be a few more sessions which are yet to be agreed. If this sounds like something that you would like to take part in feel free to contact Liz on liz.firth@thelinkingwork.org.uk The Linking Network is a charity based in Bradford and working nationally - more information, visit thelinkingnetwork.org.uk

PARISH YOUR WEEKLY OFFERING TO THE PARISH:

The Parish bank details are: HSBC Bank PLC

Account name: Good Shepherd Mytholmroyd

Sort Code 40-27-15

Account No. 21023209

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