

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 10th + SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT + SUNDAY YEAR B / WEEKDAY YEAR II Parish Mass Book Vol 1 p85f

Sunday 10 Dec	9.30 am	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B	Sr Una [A]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Monday 11 Dec		Advent Weekday		
Tuesday 12 Dec		Advent Weekday		
Wednesday 13 Dec	12noon	St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	Yorkshire Brethren 2023	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thursday 14 Dec		St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church		
Friday 15 Dec		Advent Weekday		
Saturday 16 Dec	10.00am	Advent Weekday	November Dead List 2023/24	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 17 Dec	9.30 am	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B	Anne Mackenzie	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick Bolton Brow, Sowerby Bridge HX6 2BA

Holy Mass | Tuesday & Friday 9.30am | Saturday vigil 5.30pm | Sunday 11.00am |

Confession Saturday 5.00pm |

SACRED SILENCE IN CHURCH BEFORE MASS In silence He hears us; He speaks in the silence of the soul and in silence we hear His voice.

PARISH NEWSLETTER Please submit notices (by Wednesday 8pm) - to Fr Larkin by email at pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING

26/11/2023 Week 35 - total £197.60 | Candles £14.00 | Coffee £25.00 | Youth Service £98.60

03/12/2023 Week 36 - total £157.55 | Candles £12.45 | Coffee £25.00 | Ordo £30.00

BANKED – DEC 06: £155 Thank you for your continued support.

Average monthly standing orders £2,075 (approx. £478 per week)

The Parish bank details are HSBC Bank PLC **Account name:** Good Shepherd Mytholmroyd
| Sort Code 40-27-15 **| Account No.** 21023209

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE It is with great sadness to inform you that **Shirley Watkin** died in the early hours of Wednesday 6 December. May she rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE NOTE - NO MASS - WEDNESDAY, 20 DECEMBER, and 27 December 2023.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2023 Heavenly Peace

"Heavenly Peace," the chosen theme for Advent 2023 in our parish, embodies a profound and timeless message, resonating deeply within the Christian tradition. This Advent, as we anticipate the celebration of the Nativity of Christ, 'Heavenly Peace' invites us to reflect on the divine tranquillity that Christ's birth brings to a restless world. It is a call to embrace the serene assurance found in God's promises, a reminder of the angelic proclamation of 'peace on earth' heralded at Jesus' birth. In this sacred season, we are encouraged to seek and cultivate this peace in our hearts and extend it outward through acts of kindness, reconciliation, and love. In doing so, we not only prepare to welcome the Prince of Peace into our lives anew but also become beacons of His tranquil presence in a world yearning for true peace.

ADVENT DAY BY DAY I invite you to join me in reading the Advent Day by Day book – available at the back of church.

ADVENT

- Advent giving, as in previous years we will be supporting the Gianna project run by Catholic Care at Bradford Baby Bank needs: Baby Toiletries / New Towels Sponges / Nappies of all sizes but especially 1st and 2nd sizes Baby blankets and shawls / Toiletries for Mothers.
- We will of course be continuing our support of the Halifax foodbank. Pre-covid 130 people were catered for weekly. Post-covid this has risen to 300 and led to shortages of food etc. Your donations make all the difference - one item per week would be a great help. In addition to food and toiletries – hats, gloves, scarves, warm socks would be most welcome – bank details **Happy Days | Sort Code 60-83-01 | Account No. 20325231** or visit <https://happydaysuk.org/> - thank you.

Advent Confessions for the Deanery

Saturday 16 December - St Mary's from 9-00a.m. to 5-00p.m

CHRISTMAS 2023

CHRISTMAS EVE + 4.30pm Sunday 24 December + THE CAROL SERVICE

CHRISTMAS DAY + 09.30am Monday 25 December + THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

FOOTSTEPS CHRISTMAS BRUNCH - Our young people invite you to brunch after Mass on Sunday December 17. They are raising money to give to St Augustine's centre for asylum seekers in Halifax. Donations welcome. Please come along and support them .

FOOTSTEPS CHRISTMAS DRESS UP PARTY If you are 1-6 years old, you are invited to Footsteps CHRISTMAS DRESS UP PARTY Sunday 17 December from 10.45am - 12pm RSVP: Cheryl 07730 414120

THE GOOD SHEPHERD LUNCHEON CLUB A reminder to all our guests that our Christmas meal will be held on Wednesday 13 December at our usual time. Please do not arrive before 12.30 as mass may still be in progress. We will then close for our Christmas break and we will reopen on Wednesday 10th January 2024. We look forward to welcoming you on the 13 December. Anne Plunkett

DIOCESAN YEARBOOK 2024 The annual publication provides a very valuable physical record and guide to the life and mission of our Diocese, not only for immediate use but also for archival reference. Available for £5.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Is your child in any of these age groups, do you think they're ready to take the next step on their faith journey? Reconciliation. Children in Y3 First Holy Communion, Children in Y4 Confirmation, Children in Y6 If yes then speak to Jo Woodhead after Mass or ring 07725 854932 for more information.

FORTHCOMING ORDINATION Pray for Mr Alex Noad, in formation for the priesthood for our diocese. Alex will be ordained by Bishop Marcus to the diaconate on Saturday 16 December 2023 St Mary's College, Oscott.

CATENIANS Any Catholic men wishing to learn more about the Catenians can call Membership Officer Dennis Donnelly on 01484 606042.

STOP the 14-day limit on experimenting on embryos being removed. The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) is pushing to remove the 14-day limit for experimenting on embryos, despite 97% of submissions from the general public to their consultation objecting to these plans.

Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website that makes it easy for you to email your MP asking them to oppose a change to legislation that, if passed, would pave the way for the removal of the 14-day limit. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/14days to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds

NEW LECTIONARY A New Lectionary will come into use on the First Sunday of Advent next year. The Lectionary will be published in four volumes and, from the presentation made by the publishers (Catholic Truth Society – CTS) during the recent Plenary Assembly of the Bishops Conference, will be of a very high quality. For parish budgeting, the estimated cost is expected to be between **£500 and £600** for the full set of volumes. A Book of the Gospels will also be available.

JUST TO REPORT that the total takings of the Mytholmroyd charity concert reported below (after a deduction for room hire) doubled with match funding, came to a final figure over **£2,600 raised for St Augustine's Centre** - a grand amount. Thanks go to anyone who supported the concert from the parish.

THE NOVEMBER DEAD LIST the list has been closed, printed and on display in the sacristy. During 2023/24 - **43 Masses** will be offered for the deceased relatives and friends listed. We received £430 in donations. Thank you.

CATHOLIC FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

In the ebb and flow of life, there are some topics we instinctively shy away from, and one of those is the inevitable journey towards our own end. Though the thought of our mortality may be daunting, a small gesture of preparation can make a world of difference, particularly to those who mourn our passing.

By engaging in a heart-to-heart conversation with our loved ones about our final wishes, we can offer them comfort and clarity in a time of grief. Consider discussing preferences for your Requiem Mass or funeral Service, your chosen Hymns, and Scripture Readings. These intimate details will not only reflect your personal faith journey but will also provide solace and direction to those you leave behind.

Once decisions have been made, we recommend penning down these arrangements and placing them alongside your important documents in a safe location. In doing so, you

provide a beacon of guidance when it's needed most, ensuring that, even in absence, your love and thoughtfulness continues to guide and comfort.

LISTENING TO THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES: The Diocesan J&P Commission invite you to come and share your social justice concerns, reflect on the signs of Hope that we see and discern what further actions about social justice we should be taking. Saturday 16 December. Wheeler Hall. All welcome. Lunch will be provided so please register to attend on their website www.leedsjp.org.uk 11am-1pm

LEEDS CATHEDRAL ADVENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION Tuesday 19 December, 7am to 7pm. There will be priests available to hear confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day.

VACANCIES

SECONDMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPUTY HEADTEACHER, St John the Evangelist Catholic Primary School, Bradford. Required March 2024 – July 2024. Closing date: Friday 12 January 2024. To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Ben Lavin, ben.lavin@bcwcat.co.uk. Further details attached.

CATHOLIC CARE VACANCY FOR VOLUNTEERS For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit.../latest-vacancies/> or telephone 0113 3885400 to request an application form

CATHOLIC CARE VACANCY FOR PARISH REPRESENTATIVES For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit.../latest-vacancies/> or telephone 0113 3885400 to request an application

CATHOLIC CARE VACANCIES Various paid roles and volunteer opportunities currently advertised including Senior Residential Childcare Worker and School Social Worker. For further details of individual roles, and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit.../latest-vacancies/> or call 0113 3885400.