

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 31st December + THE HOLY FAMILY

SUNDAY YEAR B / WEEKDAY YEAR II

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Sunday 31 Dec	9.30 am	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Monday 01 Jan 2024		SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD		
Tuesday 02 Jan		Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen		
Wednesday 03 Jan	NO MASS	The Most Holy Name of Jesus		GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thursday 04 Jan		Weekday of Christmas Time		
Friday 05 Jan		Weekday of Christmas Time		
Saturday 06 Jan	10.00am	Weekday of Christmas Time	Yorkshire Brethren 2024 JAN	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 07 Jan	9.30 am	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Tanya Tyson [remission]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

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

PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING

10/12/2023 Week 37 - total £115.10 | Candles £10.70 | Coffee £20.00 | Ordo £15.00

17/12/2023 Week 38 - total £87.60 | Candles £4.50 | Coffee £21.00 |

17/12/2023 Week 39 - total £143.60 | Candles £23.60 | Coffee £21.00 |

BANKED – DEC 27: £270.00 Thank you for your continued support.

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

CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR 2024 I would like to thank you for your kindly support, cards and help. Let me take this opportunity to wish you and all in the district a Happy New Year. With my very best wishes, gratitude, and the assurance of prayers for you and those you love. Fr Larkin pp

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE It is with great sadness to inform you that:

Shirley Watkins died in the early hours of Wednesday 6 December. Funeral on Tuesday 9 January 2024 at Good Shepherd, Requiem Mass 11.15am followed by cremation at Park Wood at 12.45pm.

Robert Michael Grady who died on the 19 December, Funeral on Tuesday 16 January 2024 at Good Shepherd, Service 1.30pm followed by cremation at Park Wood.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen

PLEASE NOTE - NO MASS - WEDNESDAY, 03 January 2024

2024 CALENDAR, if anyone is interested in buying a beautiful calendar of local photographer Roger Doherty's bird pictures, they cost £10 and all money taken will go to support Calder Food Support, our local foodbank. These make excellent Christmas presents. Please see Jo Woodhead

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.

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

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.