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SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2024 + FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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SUNDAY 18 Feb	9.30 am	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Shirley Watkins [LD]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Monday 19 Feb		Weekday of Lent		
Tuesday 20 Feb		Weekday of Lent		
WEDNESDAY 21 Feb	12noon	Weekday of Lent	Maria & Elio Manfredi [A]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thursday 22 Feb		CHAIR OF SAINT PETER, THE APOSTLE		
Friday 23 Feb		Weekday of Lent		
SATURDAY 24 Feb	10.00am	Weekday of Lent	November Dead List 2023/24	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
SUNDAY 25 Feb	9.30 am	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	Anne Mackenzie	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

04/02/2024 Week 45 - total £108.20 | Candles £10.00 | Coffee £16.10 |

11/02/2024 Week 46 - total £107.40 | Candles £19.40 | Coffee £13.00 |

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Average monthly standing orders £2,065.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held on Fridays during Lent at 12. noon starting on **Friday 23 February**, apart from Friday 01 March when the World Day of Prayer will be held at the Good Shepherd.

A LENTEN TAPESTRY OF FAITH AND ARTISTRY We are thrilled to invite the parish community to an inspiring and vibrant exhibition located at the front of our church, showcasing the incredible talent of young artists from our six local Catholic Primary Schools. This exhibition, a true testament to the faith and creativity of our children, features a series of meticulously crafted prayer boards, each one a unique representation of the prayers that are foundational to our Catholic tradition. Highlighted within this display are boards dedicated to the 'Our Father', 'Salve Regina', 'The Angelus', 'Hail Mary', among others, allowing us to visually embrace the prayers that unite us in faith. Prayer, whether it's a quiet whisper in our hearts or a fervent vocal expression, serves as a bridge that connects us to the Divine, offering solace, comfort, strength, and courage in moments of need. The

children from our Deanery schools have embarked on a reflective journey, delving deep into the significance of these prayers. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the students and teachers involved in bringing this beautiful vision to life. Your hard work and dedication shine brightly in each piece displayed. I encourage you to visit and immerse yourself in this colourful testament to faith and creativity. On behalf of the children and educators of our Deanery schools, we thank you for your support and invite you to join us in celebrating this wonderful exhibition.

LENT - In Lent we **pray, fast, and give**. Can you make three Lenten promises?

1. Decide a time to **pray** each day. (Get your copy of My Day by Day Lent)
2. Choose to **fast** from something you enjoy throughout Lent.
3. Think of a way you can **give** your time to someone else each week of Lent.

How to get the Catholic Calendar app The Catholic Calendar is free. If you want, you can subscribe to Liturgy of the Hours and Mass readings from within the app, after a **free one-month trial**. In the app stores, "Catholic Calendar from Universalis" is what you are looking for - Get it from Google Play - Get it from Amazon - Download it directly from Universalis. - Available on the App Store for iPhone, iPad, and Apple Watch.

LENT GROUPS The list of the groups is now at the back of church. The groups start the week beginning 19 February. The Monday groups will all meet at the Good Shepherd at 10.00am as the groups are too big to meet in homes. The theme of the course is 'faith in films' using clips from the films with discussion and prayer. A booklet for the course will be available. The first film to be used is 'The Greatest Showman', considering 'outsiders'. Who are they? What is our attitude and that of the church?

Hebden Royd Methodist Church is now unable to show the film 'The Greatest Showman'. If anyone else wishes to come to a group, please let Kay know or just turn up. It will be a very interesting and stimulating course.

CHRISTIAN AID LENT LUNCHES

Please try to support these lunches.

18 Feb	St Michael's	12.15
25 Feb	Quakers (Royd Sq)	12.15
03 Mar	Hebden Royd Methodists	12.00
10 Mar	No Lunch	
17 Mar	St James	12.00
24 Mar	Good Shepherd	12.00

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 2024 This worldwide, ecumenical, women- lead service will be held at Good Shepherd on **Friday 01 March** at 1:30pm. It has been written by Christian women of Palestine and gives insights into their lives. When they wrote the service titled. "I beg you, bear with one another in love" in 2022, little would they have imagined the turmoil Palestine would be in when this annual service of prayer was being celebrated around the world in 2024.

Please take this opportunity to join with others from our neighbouring churches and Christians across the world in prayer, music and reflection, as we pray for peace, justice and reconciliation in all areas of the world, but particularly at this time, in Palestine, the land of Jesus' birth. Let us unite in prayer for just and harmonious solutions that will bring an end to human suffering and to commit ourselves to journey with each other to achieve security and peace for all people around the world.

The service is open to all, so we do hope you can join us at 1:30 pm on **Friday 01 March** here at the Good Shepherd. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Anne Plunkett

HOSPITAL Due to new regulation hospital chaplains are no longer given the names and religions of any patient unless they are dying, if a relative or friend goes into either Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, or Calderdale Royal Hospital, could you let Deacon Andrew know, (inc. Ward and bed Number): on 07986537430 or
Email: andrew.phillips@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

THE GARDENS OF GOD In his recent 2023 publication, 'The Gardens of God,' His Eminence Arthur Cardinal Roche offers a profound exploration of spirituality through the lens of horticulture. The Publisher is 'Word on Fire' (ISBN: 978-1-68578-996-1) and can be ordered from <https://uk.wordonfire.org/products/the-gardens-of-god>. It is also available as an eBook Kindle Edition via Amazon.

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150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF MYTHOLMROYD RAILWAY STATION The station partnership is organising a display of history of Mytholmroyd over the past 150 years. Does anyone have any photos etc of the history of the Catholic church in Mytholmroyd that could be used? If so, please see Kay.

MOUNT ST JOSEPH'S CARE HOME UPDATE due to the presence of Reinforced Aerated Autoclaved Concrete (RAAC) the Little Sisters of the Poor have had to make the difficult decision to close the Mount St Joseph's Care Home in Leeds. Over the next few months all **62 residents** will be found new homes and more than **90 staff** face redundancy. The Little Sisters are facing unexpected costs upwards of £500,000 to keep everyone safe until all residents are re-homed. Please visit <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/urgent-appeal/>
Please keep all the Sisters, as well as the residents and their families in your prayers.

ASK YOUR MP TO SUPPORT THE ABORTION TIME LIMIT REDUCTION AMENDMENT

Support an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law. Take action: Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP urgently in support of this amendment.