

# The Good Shepherd

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## + THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD +

<b>Sunday 12 Jan</b>	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>+ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD + Christmas Time ends</b>	<b>Missa pro populo</b>
Monday 13 Jan		St Hilary	
Tuesday 14 Jan		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
<b>Wednesday 15 Jan</b>	<b>12-00 noon</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Nov Dead List 2024/5</b>
Thursday 16 Jan		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday 17 Jan		St Anthony, Abbot	
<b>Saturday 18 Jan</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass of Our Lady</b>	<b>Nov Dead List 2024/5</b>
<b>Sunday 19 Jan</b>	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Gez Hodgson [A]</b>

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

**PARISH OFFERING** - Average monthly SO **£1,912** - Thank you for your support.

29/12/2024 Week 39 - Total £474.40 | Coffee £47.40 | Candles £43.00 | WK38 CO £1.20

05/01/2025 Week 40 - Total £38.25 | Coffee £16.50 | Candles £1.75 | WK39 CO £0.60

**BANKED –08 December £35.00** | WK40 CO £3.85 Carried over.

**PARISH GIVING** If you wish to set up a standing order account detail:

**Good Shepherd - Sort Code 40-27-15 - Account No. 21023209**

**SCHOOL PLACES** for any children needing a school place in other year groups at any time within the academic year, they are more than welcome to visit – please contact the school if you would like an appointment with the headteacher contact the school office on 01422 831360

**JUBILEE OF 2025** The Bull of Indiction (the formal announcement or proclamation) published by Pope Francis for the Jubilee of 2025 is called Spes non confundit, meaning

'Hope does not disappoint'. In the Bull, Pope Francis proclaims: "Pilgrimage is of course a fundamental element of every Jubilee event. Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in life.

I hope that in the Holy Year of Jubilee as many people as possible will try to take part in the annual diocesan pilgrimages to Lourdes (4th to 10th July 2025) and Walsingham (27th September 2025), the Batley Torchlight Procession in Honour of Our Lady (6th October 2025), our Walking Pilgrimage for Vocations between Keighley and Ilkley (29th March 2025) and the St Wilfrid's Way Camino from Leeds to Ripon (10th to 11th October 2025).

In response to Pope Francis' encouragement to embrace this historic tradition of pilgrimage, and using the provisions given by the Apostolic Penitentiary, the bishop has designated the following churches within the Diocese of Leeds as Jubilee Pilgrimage Churches for the Holy Year:

1. Leeds Cathedral Church of St Anne
2. St Mary of the Angels Church, Batley
3. St Patrick's Mission Church, Bradford
- 4. St Mary's Church, Halifax**
5. St Patrick's Church, Huddersfield
6. St Joseph's Church, Keighley
7. St Austin's Church, Wakefield
8. St Wilfrid's Church, Ripon + Chapel of Our Lady of the Crag, Knaresborough
9. St Stephen's Church, Skipton
10. St Edward the Confessor Church, Clifford

The churches have been selected on the basis of their centrality in the respective areas of the diocese, historic resonance and seating capacity. Each Jubilee Pilgrimage Church will host opportunities at advertised times during the Holy Year, to take part in various liturgical celebrations, devotions, and heritage days.

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

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE.** On **Sunday 26 January** the eve of Holocaust Memorial Day there will be a special Service of Evensong at **Halifax Minster** starting at **4.00pm**. The guest speaker will be Rabbi Douglas Charing (visiting Rabbi of Bradford Synagogue). This year Holocaust Memorial Day commemorates the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp. All are welcome.

Also, you may be interested to know that on Sunday 06 April, as part of a bigger Lenten programme, Kim Leadbeater MP will be in conversation with Bishop Smitha Prasadam (Anglican Bishop of Huddersfield) on the subject of the Assisted Dying Bill followed by a Q & A. This will also be at Halifax Minster. I'm not sure of all the detail yet but it is probably something to get on your radar.

**FLOWER ROTA** - 12 January. Veronica Gregory | 19 January. Chris. Baker | 26 January. Vacant | 02 February. Cathy and John Duffy | 09 February. Anne and Mike Plunkett | 16 February. Patricia and Paul Newman | 23 February. Vacant

**FOOTSTEPS** now this Sunday 12. After Mass. See you there!

**2025 DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS** for sale at £5 each.

**IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS** to inform you that Deacon Patrick Kelly, after a long illness, died yesterday afternoon (21 December) at Kirkwood Hospice, Huddersfield.

Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his wife, 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.

**WE CAN STILL DEFEAT ASSISTED SUICIDE** There is a clear path toward the assisted suicide Bill being defeated at Third Reading. Early analysis shows that at least 36 MPs supported the Bill but have concerns that mean they may vote NO at later stages.

Just 28 MPs switching their stance to NO would ensure it is defeated at Third Reading. We need MPs to know that their constituents want them to vote NO at Third Reading.

Please take action now and visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote) to find out how your MP voted and ask them to vote against the Bill at Third Reading.

### **DATES FOR THE SACRAMENTS 2025**

First Reconciliation 29 March 2025 at 11am St Bernard's

Deanery Confirmation | Venue: St Malachy's Nursery Ln, Halifax HX3 5NS

Rehearsal: 25 February 2025 at 7pm | Confirmation: 4 March 2025 at 7pm

**SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE** We are delighted to be hosting our first Safeguarding Conference on Saturday 8 February 2025, 10-3pm at Hinsley Hall. To date guest speakers include the Comboni Survivors Group, Hydrant Programme and Dementia Friendly Churches. It would be a great opportunity to be part of the discussion and sharing of information, to book your place please email [safeguarding@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**ALL KINDS OF CATHOLIC** - Sean Morris was invited to take part in her podcast 'All kinds of Catholic'. It goes live on 1 January but there is a link to the final edited version below.  
<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2333035/episodes/16267956>

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION** Children who are in Y3 are old enough to make their First Reconciliation, Y4 for First Holy Communion and Y6 for Confirmation. If your child is in one of these year groups and you think they're ready for this next step in their faith journey have a chat with Jo or contact on 07725 854932. If your child/young person is older than this but wants to take part they're also very welcome, I try hard to tailor the sessions to suit everyone.

**THE NEW ENGLISH LECTIONARY** Some years ago the Bishops of England and Wales decided to change the translation being used for the readings at Mass, from the Jerusalem Bible (which has been used for as long as most of us can remember) to something called the English Standard Version, which is yet another descendant of the RSV. Finally, the changeover was made in December 2024. From now on, at Mass in England, Wales and Scotland, the new ESV texts are being used. Universalis contains the new ESV texts for

England, Wales and Scotland. All you need to do is make sure that your local calendar is set to one of these countries and your app is up to date. Sunday Missals are available from the Catholic Truth Society (ISBN 978-1784697990) and Hodder & Stoughton (ISBN 978-1399822770 and 978-1399822831). Visit [universalis.com](http://universalis.com) and you'll find a Podcasts button at the top right – well worth your time.

**RECYCLING OLD LECTIONARIES** At the Bishop's Conference in November 2024, the Bishops agreed that a Guardians of Creation project would be used to dispose and recycle old lectionaries using, in an environmental and sustainable way, as practical. Collect and Recycle have been engaged to facilitate this across all the Dioceses of England and Wales. As we are now using the new lectionaries, arrangements for the disposal of Parish's old lectionaries have been made. To keep costs to a minimum (a Curia expense), the firm engaged have a tight collection window and on how the lectionaries should be collated and boxed for their collection at a single Diocese collection point. I have arranged for the deanery to drop off the lectionaries after Christmas at a Deanery collection point (Sowerby Bridge) by 16 January 2025. Finance Office Colleagues will then collate all the Diocese's old lectionaries at Hinsley Hall as required by the firm for their collection to meet their narrow time frame. In the new year a similar scheme for old Mass Books and other literature that is now also out of date will be implemented.

**ONLINE RESOURCE FOR READERS AT MASS** Three short videos on 'Proclaiming the Word from the New Lectionary: a Refresher for Readers' have been produced by the Diocese to form a simple and concise guide and provide some useful "DOs and DON'Ts" women and men who exercise the important ministry of reading at Mass. Access videos via our YouTube channel, [www.LeedsCathedralLive.org.uk](http://www.LeedsCathedralLive.org.uk).

**THE ANNUAL LOURDES DINNER DANCE** will take place on Friday 28 February 2025 at the Met Hotel in Leeds, Tickets are £40 each or £375 for a table of 10, Ticket price includes a reception drink, a 3 course dinner and entertainment throughout the night. Please contact Phil Marshall for tickets or more info on 07766 148375 or at [philmarshall49@hotmail.com](mailto:philmarshall49@hotmail.com)

**CATHOLIC CARE VACANCY** Mental Health Outreach Support Worker, £24,404 - £25,584 pro rata. 23 hours per week. Based in Leeds. For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest-vacancies/> or email your CV to [recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk)