



# The Good Shepherd

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## Sunday 16th + SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>Sunday 16 Feb</b>	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>+ SIXTH SUNDAY</b>	<b>Missa pro populo</b>
Monday 17 Feb		Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order	
Tuesday 18 Feb		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
<b>Wednesday 19 Feb</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Teddy &amp; Rocky</b>
Thursday 20 Feb		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday 21 Feb		St Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	
<b>Saturday 22 Feb</b>	<b>10-00am</b>	<b>THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER, THE APOSTLE</b>	<b>GS Nov Dead List 2024/5</b>
<b>Sunday 23 Feb</b>	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY</b>	<b>Anne McNicholas [LD]</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** - Monthly SO **£1793.50** - decline (of £171.50)

02/02/2025 Week 44 - Total £117.50 | Coffee £33.50 | Candles £7.00 | WK43 CO £3.00

02/02/2025 Week 45 - Total £345.10 | Coffee £16.40 | Candles £3.50 | WK44 CO £0.50

**LOURDES FUND £268.20** thank you.

**BANKED –10 February £345.00** | WK45 CO £0.60 Carried over. Thank you for your support.

**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 place in other year groups at any time within the academic year, please contact the Sacred Heart School office on 01422 831360

**PARISH QUIZ NIGHT** – pencil in the date of Friday 07 March (6.30pm) in your diaries. Now that Christmas seems a distant memory and the lighter nights will soon be upon us, let us

all join together for another exciting social evening of trivia! So, get swotting up on your general knowledge and rebus puzzles! Tea, coffee, juice, and a pie & pea supper will be served. It's a bring your own booze event.

Ticket price £5 per person or £15 per family (2 adults + 2 children or 1 adult + 3 children). Virtual tickets can be purchased from Julie & Jo following Sunday Masses.

**THE RITE OF ELECTION** The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion will take place on the 1st Sunday of Lent, 09 March at 2:30pm, Leeds Cathedral. Those preparing for the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, those to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church or who are to complete their Initiation through the Sacrament of Confirmation please make a note of the date. All welcome. Please pray for those preparing to receive the Sacraments at Easter.

**CHRISM MASS** The annual Chrism Mass will take place on Wednesday of Holy Week (16 April) at Leeds Cathedral at 11:00am. The sacred oils of Chrism, Catechumens and the Sick, used throughout the Diocese, will be blessed at the annual celebration. Our priests will also renew their priestly promises. All welcome to attend.

#### **VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND DIACONATE**

Pray for the following men currently in formation for the Priesthood in the Diocese of Leeds: Rev Philip Thornley (Pontifical Bede College, Rome) and Stephen O'Hara (St Mary's College, Oscott).

Pray for the following men currently in formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Leeds:

Stephen Procter Parish of Sacred Heart and St Joseph, (Year 1)

Danny Murphy Parish of St Joseph, Brighouse (Year 3)

Jack Clark Parish of St Robert, Harrogate (Year 4)

Dominic Williams Parish of St Peter and Paul, Sandal (Year 4)

**FLOWER ROTA** - |16 February. Patricia and Paul Newman| 23 February. Vacant

**CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF STEWARDSHIP WITH IFM** Key Benefits for our church:

**Cost Savings** – Collective purchasing power reduces energy costs.

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Since our beginnings in 1994 with just eight dioceses, IFM has expanded to **26 dioceses and 10,000+ energy supplies across England, Wales, and Scotland**. Thanks to your participation, our parish now procure renewable energy through IFM, significantly reducing our carbon footprint. Together, we continue to build a sustainable future for our Church and our planet.

#### **WE CAN STILL DEFEAT ASSISTED SUICIDE *Assisted suicide committee bias***

Committee stage of Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill has begun, raising serious concerns about its conduct.

- The Committee has been 'stacked' with a higher number of MPs who support the Bill

- Nearly twice as many witnesses supported assisted suicide than the number who opposed it
- Important voices have been excluded, including the Government's chief Suicide Prevention Strategy Advisor, the British Geriatrics Society and a number of disability rights groups, senior palliative care doctors and legal experts with relevant expertise.

MPs must be aware of the serious issues in the scrutiny of Kim Leadbeater's Bill. It's vital they know your concerns and vote against it at Third Reading.

Take action now and visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/ASBillAction](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASBillAction) to write to your MP - it takes just 30 seconds!

### **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 7.00pm | Confirmation: 4 March 2025 at 7.00pm

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

**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.

**THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR** – Join the Sacred Heart & St. Patrick's Ladies Group on a festive adventure! Our trip will take place from Sunday, 07 December to Tuesday, 09 December, at a cost of £345 per person (half-board). We plan to fill a 56-seater coach, allowing us to travel directly to our destination without any en-route pick-ups. For more details about the spectacular visit the Thursford website at [www.Thursford.com](http://www.Thursford.com) or contact Marion (Chair of the Ladies Group) at 07873 907645. to add your name and contact details to register your interest. We look forward to sharing this magical experience with you!

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE FOR THE MAYOR'S CHARITY CEILIDH** on Saturday, 08 March at Mytholmroyd Community Centre. Doors at 7.30pm and dancing from 8pm. Also, a pie and peas supper will be included! If you wish to buy tickets, please click on the link below: Booking link: <https://tinyurl.com/musrdwx4> If you have already bought your tickets, thank you so much and we look forward to seeing you there!

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 2025** Please join us for this annual worldwide ecumenical service which will be held at St Michael's on Friday 07 March at 1.30pm. The 2025 service "I made you wonderful" has been written by Christian women from the Cook Islands and gives insights into their lives, the challenges they face to keep their unique culture and language from being devalued as well as celebrating the beauty of their homeland.

*The service is open to all so we do hope you will begin your Lenten journey by taking this opportunity to join with others from our neighbouring churches and Christians across the world in prayer and music as we reflect that God created each of us and that we are unique and special. 'I made you wonderful'. We hope to see you on Friday 7 March as we become part of a wonderful wave of prayer which encircles the globe.*

**LEEDS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025** Friday 04 – Thursday 10 July flying from Leeds/Bradford airport. Alternatively Thursday 03 -10 July flying from Stansted airport (with coach transfer if enough passengers). Please book with Tangney Tours Tel: 01732 886666 Further information [www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/lourdespilgrimage/](http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/lourdespilgrimage/)

**JUBILEE OF 2025** Pope Francis has proclaimed *Spes non confundit* (“Hope does not disappoint”) as the Bull of Indiction for the Jubilee of 2025, emphasizing pilgrimage as a key aspect of the Holy Year. The Diocese of Leeds has designated ten churches as Jubilee Pilgrimage Churches, chosen for their accessibility, historical significance, and capacity. They include:

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

These churches will offer special liturgies, devotions, and heritage events throughout the Holy Year.

**CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE (CARJ)** The Theme of 2025 Racial Justice Sunday is “Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice”. Racial Justice Sunday is a good time to consider giving financial support to CARJ. CARJ works for the support and empowerment of black and minority ethnic Catholics, and to give them an effective voice in the Church and in the wider society. CARJ is self-supporting and relies on grants, donations and the Racial Justice Sunday appeal. CARJ works with Catholic Dioceses and Parishes

- To raise awareness of the issues of racial justice and community cohesion.
- To promote reflection, discussion and action.
- To support diocesan and other local racial justice groups.

More information can be found on the web page - <https://www.carj.org.uk>

and there is a donate button [Donation - JustGiving - Catholic Association for Racial Justice - CARJ](#).

## VACANCIES

**SUPPORT WORKER VACANCY:** Catholic Care, based in Skipton, SP 4-7 £24,404 - £25,584 (pro rata depending on experience). 34 hours per week. 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)

**DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY:** St. Edward's Catholic Primary School, Boston Spa. Start: September 2025. Closing date: Tuesday 04 March 2025. To discuss or arrange a visit, please contact, [stedwardsadmin@st-edwards.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:stedwardsadmin@st-edwards.leeds.sch.uk)

**ASSISTANT TO LAY CHAPLAIN VACANCY:** Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College, Leeds. Start: ASAP. Closing date: Monday, 24 February 2025. Further info: please visit <https://www.notredamecoll.ac.uk/vacancies> To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Vicky Winterburn, [v.winterburn@notredamecoll.ac.uk](mailto:v.winterburn@notredamecoll.ac.uk) Further details attached.

**HINSLEY HALL DUTY MANAGER/RECEPTIONIST VACANCY:** - Hinsley Hall is part of the Diocese of Leeds operating as a Hotel, Conference and Retreat Centre. Working as part of a small team to oversee the day to day running of the reception desk and being part of the receptionist team, dealing with daily conference and hotel guests. Benefits include free meals on duty/car parking. More details and an application form at [www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies) Closing date: Monday, 17 February 2025.

**HEADTEACHER VACANCY:** School: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Goole, Closing date: Friday 28 February 2025 at midday. For further information about the role and school please visit

[https://ce0218li.webitrent.com/ce0218li\\_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC179GF.open?WV ID=797592QEnN](https://ce0218li.webitrent.com/ce0218li_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC179GF.open?WV ID=797592QEnN)

**DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY:** Quality of Education, Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School, Leeds. Start: September 2025. Closing date: Thursday 27 February 2025. To discuss or arrange a visit, please contact, Angela Fieldhouse, [recruitment@cardinalheenan.com](mailto:recruitment@cardinalheenan.com)