



The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 23rd + SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 23 Feb	09-30am	SEVENTH SUNDAY	Anne McNicholas [LD]
Monday 24 Feb		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday 25 Feb		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday 26 Feb	12noon	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Elio & Maria Manfredi [A]
Thursday 27 Feb		St Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	
Friday 28 Feb		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday 01 March	10-00am	St David, Bishop and Patron of Wales	GS Nov Dead List 2024/5
Sunday 02 March	09-30am	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	For Mum & Dad [A] Juli & Family

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

PARISH OFFERING - Monthly SO **£1793.50** -

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

LOURDES FUND £268.20 thank you.

02/02/2025 Week 46 - Total £95.70 | Coffee £18.60 | Candles £12.60 | WK45 CO £0.60

BANKED –17 February £95.00 | WK46 CO £1.30 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

POPE FRANCIS Pray for the Pope and for his consolation in suffering, that he unites it to the suffering of the cross, and in so doing draws closer to Jesus Christ.

ASH WEDNESDAY which marks the start of Lent in the Christian calendar, has been observed for centuries. I invite you to attend Mass and receive the ashes on the **Wednesday 05 March in the Parish at 12noon**. Also, **Mass at Sacred Heart & St. Patrick Sowerby Bridge - at 7-30pm** Ashes distributed at all Masses.

LENT HOUSE GROUPS Please sign the list at the back of church by this Sunday 23 February so that the groups can be organised for the week beginning 10 March 2025.

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.

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!

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.

FLOWER ROTA - |23 February. Vacant

WE CAN STILL DEFEAT ASSISTED SUICIDE Committee stage of Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill has begun, raising serious concerns about its conduct.

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 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.

THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR – Ladies and Gentlemen come and 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 or contact Marion (Chair of the Ladies Group) at 07873 907645. Posters are displayed on church noticeboards where you can add your name and contact details to register your interest. We look forward to sharing this magical experience with you!

CONSIDER TEACHING IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION Are you a Catholic teacher or headteacher working outside the Catholic sector? If so, would you consider applying for a job in one of our diocesan schools? Diocesan Director of Education Kieron Flood will be hosting an on-line briefing for all those who are interested on Tuesday 25 March from 6-7pm. To book your place, please email Emma: education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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/

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
9. Our Lady of the Crag,
Knaresborough
10. St Stephen's, Skipton
11. 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) 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.](#)