



The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 16th + SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 16 March	09-30am	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	Anne Mackenzie [LD]
Monday 17 March		SAINT PATRICK, BISHOP & PATRON OF IRELAND	
Tuesday 18 March		Weekday of Lent	
+Wednesday 19 March	NO MASS TODAY	ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Funeral Service Sowerby Bridge for Joan Bottomley @10-45am
Thursday 20 March		Weekday of Lent	
Friday 21 March		Stations of the Cross @ 12noon	
Saturday 22 March	10-00am	Weekday of Lent	Nov Dead List 2024/5
Sunday 23 March	09-30am	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Elio & Maria Manfredi [A]

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** -

02/03/2025 Week 48 - Total £52.30 | Coffee £23.70 | Candles £8.60 | WK47 CO £3.20

09/03/2025 Week 49 - Total £139.76 | Coffee £13.46 | Candles £18.30 | WK48 CO £0.50

BANKED –10 March £140.00 | WK49 CO £0.26 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

PLEASE NOTE - NO MASS *WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH* –

POPE FRANCIS He is in our thoughts, in our prayers.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL invite all parishioners to join us during Holy Week we share the Easter story. On Sunday 13 April, our youngest children in reception will share 'Palm Sunday' at Sacred Heart & St Patrick's.

We also warmly invite you to join us on the below dates which will take place in school:

- 'Last Supper' – presented by Year 2 – on Tuesday 15 April at 9:15am
- 'Garden of Gethsemane' – presented by Year 3 – on Wednesday 16 April at 9:15am

- 'Crucifixion' – presented by Y6 – on Wednesday 16 April at 14:45 (School will close for the Easter break immediately following this)
- 'Resurrection' – presented by Year 4 – after the holidays on Friday 2 May at 14:40

Mrs Alexandra Hudson-Crook – Headteacher

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

+ FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR – Joan Bottomley RIP Please pray for the repose of Joan's soul and for her family and friends. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Reception into church – Tuesday 18 March 6-00pm at Sacred Heart & St Patrick's.

Requiem Mass - Wednesday 19 March 10-45am

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING An email has been sent to some of the readers, welcomers, coffee group and luncheon club volunteers to complete level 1 safeguarding training. This will only take approximately 15 minutes to register, read and complete. If you have not received an email from myself, please can you firstly check your junk email section and if there is still nothing, please can you contact me asap. Thank you, Julie.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held on Fridays at the Good Shepherd during Lent. Stations on Friday, 21 March at 12 noon.

LENT HOUSE GROUPS lists are at the back of church groups start week beginning 10 March 2025.

LENT LUNCHESES All start at 12noon.

March 16 Hebden Royd Methodists

March 30 no lunch

March 23 The Quakers

April 6 St James's

An opportunity to meet with members of other churches

QUIZ NIGHT - We are incredibly grateful to everyone who attended our fundraising quiz night and to all who helped make it such a wonderful success. A special welcome and thanks to parishioners from our sister church, Sacred Heart and St. Patrick's, for joining us. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing £190 for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund, and the second collection at Mass from both churches contributed an additional £400. With the cost of hiring a medical bed for the pilgrimage at £200 per week, your kindness has effectively provided three. Your support means so much, and we truly appreciate your generosity!

CATHOLIC CARE'S ANNUAL APPEAL will take place across the weekend of 29 and 30 March 2025. Like many other charities, Catholic Care is facing significant financial challenges, and we would ask you to give as generously as you are able, to enable us to continue our work in helping those in need across the Diocese. If you can make a regular contribution you can set up a standing order. Bank details are: Catholic Care (Diocese of Leeds) 05-00-20; 11472611. If you are a UK taxpayer and would like to Gift Aid your donation, please contact us for a Gift Aid form: finance@catholic-care.org.uk or see the Annual Appeal leaflet available at the back of church

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.

WE CAN STILL DEFEAT ASSISTED SUICIDE

WHAT'S NEXT? We now have until the 25 April, the date when it is currently expected that the Bill will be voted on at Third Reading. This is when we will have an opportunity to ensure that this dangerous Bill is defeated. Thank you for taking the time to read through this update and do keep up the great work that I know so many of you are doing to ensure this dangerous assisted suicide Bill is defeated. Take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASBillAction to write to your MP - it takes just 30 seconds!

Josh Fenton-Glynn Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill.

Since my election, I have received more emails regarding this Bill than any other, with strong views on all sides, often informed by difficult personal experiences. I have found many emails moving and persuasive.

I chose to abstain at its last reading and have not yet reached a final view on the issue. The Bill is currently in the committee stage, whereby changes can be made by a cross-party group of MPs before being brought back for the third reading and vote.

In order to inform my view and upcoming vote and open up a wider discussion on this important topic, we have organised two panel events.

At the events I will be joined by a panel of healthcare experts and faith leaders; to discuss the issues around palliative care and the decisions we make at the end of our lives.

Booking for these events is essential, via the links provided below:

Thursday 20 March, 7-9pm – Todmorden – [Click here to book.](#)

Thursday 27 March, 7-9pm – Brighouse – [Click here to book.](#)

Specific location details will be provided after booking.

We look forward to seeing you there. Kind regards, Josh

Josh Fenton-Glynn | Member of Parliament for Calder Valley

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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

Confirmation: 4 March 2025 at 7.00pm

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CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE

On Saturday 17 May, there will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral at 12noon for couples and their families celebrating their 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year.

There will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows during the liturgy. If you are celebrating the anniversary of your wedding and you would like to take part in this celebration, please fill out the application form send it to the Bishop's Secretary:

Miss Anne Cooke, Bishop's House, 13 North Grange Road, Leeds, LS6 2BR or

Email it to: bishop.secretary@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

If you are celebrating one of these special Anniversaries and you would like to take part in this celebration, please fill out this form and return it by Friday 2 May 2025.

Please complete the following:

Wife's First Name:

Wife's Surname:

Wife's Maiden name:

Husband's First Name:

Husband's Surname:

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Telephone Number:

Date of Marriage:

Place of Marriage:

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(Please include the name, town and county of the church in which you were married)

VACANCIES

DIOCESE OF LEEDS MUSIC VACANCY: Diocese of Leeds Music is seeking a talented Assistant Director of the Schools Singing Programme. An excellent opportunity for a choral leader with a desire to nurture creativity, foster expression, and shape the voices and musical foundations of future generations. For more information/application pack, please visit dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk/vacancies. Closing Date: Monday 24 March 2025, 5.00 pm.

CARITAS LEEDS CO-ORDINATOR VACANCY: Salary: £11,250. Post: 15 hours per week. Initial fixed contract for 2 years. Working across the Diocese of Leeds. Closing date: 1 April 2025. Interview date to be arranged with candidates. To apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruitment/latest-vacancies/>

VARIOUS TEACHER VACANCIES: St. John Fisher Catholic Academy, Harrogate, Start: September 2025. Closing date: Friday, 21 March 2025. Further info: <https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/Trust-Academy-Vacancies/> To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Paula Deacon, office@sjfchs.org.uk

PASTORAL WORKER FOR OLDER PEOPLE VACANCY: The Parish of Mary, Mother of God, Bradford is recruiting a part time Pastoral Worker for Older People, for 10hrs per week. The role will pay a vital role in supporting the spiritual and emotional well-being of older parishioners. More details at www.marymotherofgod.org.uk. Closing date for applications is Friday, 4 April 2025.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS CLASS TEACHER VACANCY: St. John's Catholic Specialist School, Boston Spa, Start: September 2025. Closing date: Friday, 21 March 2025. Further info and an application pack please contact Mrs K Holt – karen.holt@stjohns.org.uk