



The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 6th + FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 06 April	09-30am	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Andre & Angela
Monday 07 April		Weekday of Lent	
Tuesday 08 April		Weekday of Lent	
Wednesday 09 April	12noon	Weekday of Lent	Yorkshire Brethren 2025 APR
Thursday 10 April		Weekday of Lent	
Friday 11 April		Stations of the Cross @ 12noon	
Saturday 12 April	10.00am	Weekday of Lent	Nov Dead List 2024/5
Sunday 13 April	09-30am	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	Anne Mackenzie [LD]

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

PARISH OFFERING - Monthly SO ~ **£1728.50**

23/03/2025 Week 51 - Total £98.94 | Coffee £36.14 | Candles £7.30 | WK50 CO £1.06

30/03/2025 Week 52 - Total £427.75 | Coffee £14.33 | Candles £16.50 | WK51 CO £0.00

Collection for Catholic Care £290.72 - Thank you

BANKED –24 March £427.00 | WK52 CO £0.75 Carried over. Thank you for your support.

FLOWER COLLECTION FOR EASTER There will be a collection for flowers for Easter next weekend 13th April. 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

APPOINTMENT TO THE CATHEDRAL CHAPTER OF CANONS Bishop Marcus has appointed Fr Larkin to be a Canon of the Chapter of St Anne’s Cathedral, Leeds. Canon Larkin will be installed at the Cathedral by the Bishop and Provost on Tuesday, 27 May, at 12:30 pm. Bishop Marcus will preside at the Mass. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

FOOTSTEPS after Mass this Sunday, see you all there.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUNCHEON CLUB We will close for our two-week Easter break after lunch on Wednesday 09 April and reopen on Wednesday 30 April at 12.30pm. May we

thank our guests for their company since Christmas and wish you all a blessed and Happy Easter. Anne Plunkett

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held on Fridays at the Good Shepherd during Lent. Stations on Friday, 11 April at 12 noon.

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

LENT LUNCHES All start at 12noon - April 6 St James's. An opportunity to meet with members of other churches

HALIFAX DEANERY CONFESSIONS – Saturday 12 April in St Mary's. Confessions will be heard by the clergy of the deanery from **9am – 4pm**.

PALM SUNDAY – Sunday 13 April – 9:30AM

The liturgy gives us a preview of the events we will celebrate in the Easter Triduum.

Raising the Cross

The service will be at Horsehold **3-00pm** on Palm Sunday 13 April

Help is needed to raise the Cross so please let Steve or Barry know if you can help.

CHRISM MASS

At 11:00am on **Wednesday 16 April** at Leeds Cathedral.

I hope you can join the Bishop for Holy Mass – please be seated by 10:45am.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday and includes Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday.

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Holy Thursday 17 April – 7:30pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper – Watching before the Altar until 9:00pm.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – Friday 18 April – 9:30AM

A Day of Fasting and Abstinence.

EASTER 2025

I invite you to join me at the Sacred Heart & St. Patrick's, Sowerby Bridge, for the **Mass of Easter Vigil – Saturday 19 April at 7:30pm**.

EASTER SUNDAY SONRISE SERVICE

6-00am at Horsehold followed by breakfast at Janet's

EASTER SUNDAY – Sunday 20 April

- **Good Shepherd Mytholmroyd – 9:30AM**
- **Sacred Heart & St. Patrick – 11:00AM**

The Paschal Candle is placed near the ambo or near the altar and kept there for the whole Easter Time until the end of Pentecost Sunday.

WE CAN STILL DEFEAT ASSISTED SUICIDE Committee stage of Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill finished last week. As you may have read in media reports, there are serious concerns with how her committee has conducted its scrutiny, with many saying that the Bill is now weaker than it was before. You can keep up to date with the progress of the Bill in the news section at: <https://righttolife.org.uk/news>. Take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASBillAction to write to your MP - it takes 30 seconds!

Summary of Assisted Dying Bill Meeting, Brighthouse – 27th March 2025 (with thanks to Frank who attended) - On Wednesday, 27 March, our local MP, **Josh Fenton-Glynn**, hosted a public meeting at **Brighthouse Sports Club** to discuss the proposed **Assisted Dying Bill**. This was the second in a series of events aimed at fostering informed and respectful dialogue on this sensitive issue. The meeting was well-attended by individuals representing diverse views and personal experiences related to end-of-life care.

Expert Panel:

The panel brought together professionals with wide-ranging expertise in ethics, healthcare, palliative care, and theology:

- **Dr. Laura Green**, Senior Lecturer in Nursing, University of Manchester
- **Dr. Andrew Stanners**, Ethicist and Physician
- **Dr. Peter Barber**, Humanist and retired Anaesthetist
- **Reverend Hilary Barber**, Halifax Minster
- **Dr. Rachel Shield**, Palliative Care Consultant, Overgate Hospice

Each panellist offered thoughtful contributions on both the specifics of the Assisted Dying Bill and the broader context of palliative care in the UK. Their insights helped frame the conversation around ethical concerns, medical practice, the importance of compassionate care, and the safeguarding of the most vulnerable.

Reflections and Key Points:

- **Open Discussion on Death:** A recurring theme from both panel and audience was the importance of bringing conversations about death and dying out of silence. Families and medical professionals must be encouraged to engage in **open, ongoing dialogue** well before any end-of-life decisions are considered.
- **Safeguarding the Vulnerable:** Strong emphasis was placed on ensuring that any legislation includes **robust safeguards** to protect vulnerable individuals, particularly those who might feel pressured or neglected in their care. This concern was notably echoed by Josh Fenton-Glynn himself.
- **Cross-Disciplinary Engagement:** The inclusion of perspectives from medical, ethical, religious, and humanist fields was widely appreciated. It reinforced the value of **interdisciplinary dialogue** in addressing moral and practical complexities.
- **Respectful Debate:** The meeting was a testament to the community's ability to discuss controversial and emotional topics with mutual respect. As Josh Fenton-Glynn observed, the tone of the meeting showed that **common ground** can often be found even amidst disagreement.
- **MP's Commitment to Listening:** Mr. Fenton-Glynn has assured constituents that he will carefully review the documentation from the **Committee Stage**, which concluded this week. His decision on the bill will be shaped by expert advice and the heartfelt stories and concerns shared at these public events.

“My primary concern will be the safeguards in the bill for the most vulnerable and how workable I think it is.” – Josh Fenton-Glynn, MP

Final Thoughts: This event served as an important moment of communal reflection and respectful engagement. We commend those from our own parish and others who attended and contributed. May we continue to uphold the dignity of life. Take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASBillAction to write to your MP

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

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.

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:

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