



# The Good Shepherd

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## Sunday 4th + THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

<b>Sunday 04 May</b>	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>Claire Hannah Robertson [A]</b>
Monday 05 May		Weekday of Easter	
Tuesday 06 May		Weekday of Easter	
<b>Wednesday 07 May</b>	<b>12NOON</b>	<b>St John of Beverley, Bishop</b>	<b>Pope Francis [LD]</b>
Thursday 08 May		Weekday of Easter	
Friday 09 May		Weekday of Easter	
<b>Saturday 10 May</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>	<b>GS Nov Dead List 2024/5</b>
<b>Sunday 11 May</b>	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>Michael Mackenzie [A]</b>

**NB # NO MASS WEDNESDAY 14 MAY #**

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

**PARISH OFFERING** - Average monthly standing orders

Number of SO (Mar - Apr 25) – 52 | Total SO (Mar - Apr 25) £1693.50

**FLOWERS FOR EASTER** £163.80.

20/04/2025 Week 3 - Total £346.30 | Coffee £14.90 | Candles £21.90 | WK2 CO £1.40

27/04/2025 Week 4 - Total £109.24 | Coffee £7.46 | Candles £11.78 | WK3 CO £2.70

**BANKED –28 April £110.00** | WK4 CO £1.94 Carried over. Thank you for your support.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Collection for the Priests' Training Fund

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

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Mary Harwood who is 90 years young today. (Sunday 4th May).

**FOOTSTEPS** this Sunday after mass. See you there.

**THE PAPACY** Prayer for Francis O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Having offered our heartfelt prayers for the repose of Pope Francis, we now turn our thoughts toward the future. The forthcoming conclave will elect a new Supreme Pontiff, who will undoubtedly seek to draw from the rich legacy of his predecessors. Like those elected in 1914 and 1939 — moments shadowed by gathering storms of global conflict — the next pope will be called to exercise a profound pastoral role amid tense and uncertain geopolitical times.

Yet this successor will also face a challenge unprecedented in the Church's two-millennia-long history: the reaffirmation of the very nature of humanity itself, in an age increasingly shaped by artificial intelligence and technological transformation.

In this sacred moment, I warmly encourage you to "adopt" a cardinal spiritually for the coming conclave. You may visit <https://praycardinal.com/> to be assigned a cardinal for whom you can pray for by name.

Above all, let our prayers rise with one constant, sincere invocation: "Thy will be done." May the Holy Spirit guide the Church in choosing a shepherd after Christ's own heart.

**EASTER JOY 2025** "The Lord is truly risen, alleluia!" To all those who worked behind the scenes—thank you. I am most grateful for your Easter collection. As we celebrate this joyful season of Eastertide, may the peace and light of the Risen Christ fill your hearts and homes with hope and blessing. Canon Larkin

**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

**FLOWER ROTA** 4 May Agnes. 11 May Janet Almond | 18 May Maureen and Frank.  
25 May Jeanette and David Marsh | 1 June vacant. 8 June Katie Binns.  
15 June Rita Alston. 22 June Mary Livesey. 29 June vacant.

If anyone would like to join the flower rota, please talk to either Doris or Liz McLaughlin.

**WE CAN STILL DEFEAT ASSISTED SUICIDE** Assisted suicide Bill - less than 2 weeks left! Report Stage of the assisted suicide Bill is **16 May**. It is vital that you contact your MP urgently about this issue. **Take action now and click the link to ask your MP for a meeting now** or [www.righttolife.org.uk/ASBillAction](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASBillAction) to write to your MP –

**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.

### **FOR YOUNG ADULTS...**

#### **Called to Love: Masculine & Feminine, 9 – 11 May 2025**

A weekend for young adults, whether single, dating or engaged couples, exploring the nature of masculinity and femininity. The retreat will consider the contemporary challenges to being a man and a woman and the Church's wisdom for this, drawing particular inspiration from St Pope John Paul II. Download [Called to Love – PDF flier](#)

### **FOR ALL ADULT LAITY...**

#### **Unveiled Faces: Healing & Transformation with the Saints, 27 – 29 June 2025**

A weekend led by Fr Emmanuel Mansford, CFR contemplating the healing and transformational work of grace in the ordinary and imperfect lives of the saints. In the light of their example, the retreat will offer an opportunity to reflect on and to seek healing for the wounds in our own lives. For more information / to book:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/unveiled-faces/>

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**ONLINE CATHOLIC DIRECTORY** various official Catholic Websites visit  
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### **UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY NEWSPAPER**

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### **THANK YOU**

**To: Revd Heathcoat**

St Paul's Church, Sowerby Bridge

Hebden Royd Churches Together

Dear Revd Kathie,

On behalf of the Catholic community of the Sacred Heart and St Patrick, Sowerby Bridge, and the Good Shepherd, Mytholmroyd, I write to thank you most sincerely for your beautiful card and message of sympathy sent following the death of His Holiness, Pope Francis.

Your kind words and prayers are deeply appreciated by our whole congregation as we grieve the passing of our Holy Father. It is a source of great consolation to us to know that we are being upheld in prayer by our fellow Christians here in Sowerby Bridge and Hebden Royd, with whom we share so much in faith, witness, and hope.

The bonds of friendship and unity between our churches are a blessing, and your thoughtful gesture has strengthened those bonds.

We send to you and your parishioners our heartfelt gratitude and the assurance of our own prayers. May the Risen Christ fill you with His light and joy in this Eastertide, and may the Holy Spirit guide us all.

Canon Larkin

### **VACANCIES**

The Diocese of Leeds, Vicariate for Education are recruiting a Faith Formation Officer to promote and support ongoing faith formation and the work of catechists around the diocese. The role is part time and will include some evening and weekend working. For an application pack email Emma Nicholson [education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) For an informal conversation call Jessica Wilkinson on 0113 261 8063.

**DIOCESE OF LEEDS MUSIC VACANCY:** We are seeking to appoint an exceptional leader of children's voices to work as a Choral Director in our Schools Singing Programme, including leading Bradford Catholic Girls Choir Choral Director. For more information, please request an application pack from [recruitment@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk). Closing Date: Monday 2 June 2025, 5.00 pm.

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY: St Columba's Catholic Primary School, Bradford. Start: September 2025. Closing date: Wednesday 14 May 2025. Please contact the Trust HR department for details and to arrange a visit to the school: [hr@bcwcat.co.uk](mailto:hr@bcwcat.co.uk)

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY: St Francis Catholic Primary School, Bradford. Start: September 2025. Closing date: Wednesday 14 May 2025. Please contact the school office for details and to arrange a visit: [office@fra.bcwcat.co.uk](mailto:office@fra.bcwcat.co.uk)

TEACHER OF MFL VACANCY: St. John Fisher Catholic Academy, Harrogate, Start: September 2025. Closing date: Thursday, 08 May 2025. Further info: <https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/Trust-Academy-Vacancies/> To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Paula Deacon, [office@sjfchs.org.uk](mailto:office@sjfchs.org.uk)

TEACHER OF MATHS VACANCY: St. Mary's, Menston, Start: September 2025. Closing date: Friday, 09 May 2025. Further info: <https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/Trust-Academy-Vacancies/> To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Jo-Anne Hughes, [ja.hughes@stmarysmenston.org](mailto:ja.hughes@stmarysmenston.org)

ST BEDE'S AND ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, BRADFORD VACANCIES: Recruiting for: Religious Education Curriculum Leader. TLR 1A (£9,782). Closing date 16/05/2025 and Lay Chaplain. NJC point 19 - 22; 37 hours per week Term Time Only plus 5 days (£26,842 - £28,213 (actual)). Closing date: 09/05/2025. Both roles September start. Details for both posts can be found at: <https://sbsj.co.uk/vacancies>