



The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 3rd + EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

| Sunday 10 Aug | 9.30 am | NINETEENTH SUNDAY | Missa pro populo |
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| Monday 11 Aug | | St Clare | |
| Tuesday 12 Aug | | St Jane Frances de Chantal | |
| Wednesday 13 Aug | NO MASS TODAY | Ss Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs | |
| Thursday 14 Aug | | St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr | |
| ◆FRIDAY◆ 15 Aug | 12NOON | THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY <i>Holyday of Obligation</i> | For N & i |
| Saturday 16 Aug | 10.00am | Saturday Mass of Our Lady | Nov Dead List 2024/5 |
| Sunday 17 Aug | 9.30 am | TWENTIETH SUNDAY | Missa pro populo |

Mass Times - Sacred Heart & St. Patrick, Sowerby Bridge HX6 2BA - Saturday 5-30pm / Sunday 11-00am

NB - NO MASS WEDNESDAY 13 & 20 August

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

PARISH OFFERING - Average monthly standing orders £1693.50

03/08/2025 Week 18 Total £70.60 | WK17 CO £2.85 |

BANKED – 04 August £70.00 | WK18 CO £3.45 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

◆ FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST ◆ THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A Holy Day of Obligation – A Day of Heavenly Joy

On this most glorious solemnity, the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, we lift our eyes and hearts heavenward, contemplating that wondrous moment when Our Lady, the purest of creatures and Mother of God, was taken body and soul into the glory of Heaven. A foretaste of our own resurrection, this feast is a sign of hope and a radiant promise for all the faithful.

The Church has long held, with deep devotion and ancient tradition, that the Mother of the Redeemer did not undergo the corruption of the grave, but was assumed into the celestial courts, crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth by her divine Son. Pope Pius XII solemnly

defined this truth in 1950, though the faithful had believed it for centuries, drawn by the light of the early Fathers and the poetry of the liturgy.

I warmly invite you to honour this Holy Day of Obligation by joining me at Holy Mass:

+ 09:30 AM at Sacred Heart & St Patrick, Sowerby Bridge or should the later hour better suit your day, **+ 12 Noon at The Good Shepherd**

Let us gather as the family of God to celebrate Mary's glorification—a singular privilege that flows from her immaculate love and perfect obedience. Come and rejoice in the Queen who reigns above, the lowly handmaid exalted by the Lord. "O Mary, assumed into Heaven, pray for us who have recourse to thee!"

STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE - ACTION NEEDED The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September. Right To Life UK has launched an *EasyAction* tool to help you write to a few Peers with a tailored message to highlight key concerns with the Bill.

Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds!

THE LATIN MASS SOCIETY is dedicated to the traditional Latin liturgy of the Catholic Church and advances the teachings and practices integral to it. You can sign-up as a Supporter for free but rely on Member subscriptions. Join up and help pass on the ancient Catholic Mass to future generations. Sign-up for Direct Debit and receive a 10% discount.

<https://lms.org.uk/join-now>

NEWS FROM THE ORCHARD The trees are all full of fruit so this should be our best year yet. It remains to be seen how much of it benefits GS, as so far someone has been stripping whole trees and leaving nothing behind. The plum on the left, the Oulins Golden Gage, has a huge crop which is ripening quickly. My hope, when the trees were planted, was that the children could help themselves to fruit after the Mass. Maybe that will happen this year. It would help if people who live nearby could keep an eye on the orchard and pick fruit as it becomes ripe. It's been suggested that we need to be seen at the orchard more often, so that whoever has been taking fruit will possibly show a bit more restraint in future.

2025 RUSHBEARING I invite you to join us for the festival **Saturday 06 September 12.**

The Rushcart will arrive at Sacred Heart and St Patrick's at 12.45 and stay till 13.35.

Saturday Route – <https://rushbearing.com/this-years-rushbearing/route-schedule/>

The tradition of the Rushbearing Festival in Sowerby Bridge is deeply intertwined with the local church communities, notably Sacred Heart and St Patrick's. While the festival had its modern revival during the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977, its spiritual and communal significance dates back much further.

AUGUST MUSIC AT GOOD SHEPHERD In recent years, the music rota at Good Shepherd has been suspended for the month of August, and this year is no exception. We will resume our regular schedule in September.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD LUNCHEON CLUB We would like to remind you that we will close for our summer break and reopen on **Wednesday 10 of September.**

CHRISTIAN ART Encountering God Through Beauty - visit: www.christian.art

FLOWER ROTA | 10 August. Edna Harwood

18 August. Liz McLaughlin | 24 August. *Vacant* | 31 August. Liv Redmond

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION 2025

The Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development has published the Holy Father's Message for the Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2025. This is celebrated every 01 September, and the Season of Creation extends from this date to 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. The message is entitled "Seeds of Peace and Hope" and resources are available at: [Presentation of the Missa pro custodia creationis - Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development](#)