



# The Good Shepherd

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## Sunday 17th + TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 17 Aug	9.30 am	TWENTIETH SUNDAY	Missa pro populo
Monday 18 Aug		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday 19 Aug		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday 20 Aug	NO MASS TODAY	St Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	
Thursday 21 Aug		St Pius X, Pope	
FRIDAY 22 Aug		The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Emily Power [A]
Saturday 23 Aug	10.00am	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	
Sunday 24 Aug	9.30 am	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY	

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

**NB - NO MASS WEDNESDAY 20 & 27 August**

**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 £1693.50

**10/08/2025 Week 19** Total £120.65 | WK18 CO £3.45 |

**BANKED – 11 August £120.00** | WK19 CO £4.10 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

**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](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers) to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds!

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

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.

**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>

**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](http://www.christian.art)

**FLOWER ROTA** | 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](#)

**MARCH FOR LIFE 2025** Join March for Life UK, Saturday 6 September, London. The right to life underpins every other right and without it every other right is rendered meaningless. Join thousands at this family-friendly event to recognise the value of life from conception and stand up for all those who have been impacted by abortion.  
<https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/> or email: [info@marchforlife.co.uk](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk).

**ANNUAL LEEDS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** The Annual Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday 27 September. 12:00Noon Angelus and the celebration of Holy Mass, 2:30pm Solemn Procession into the village of Walsingham, 3.30pm Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the grounds of the Ancient Shrine. Bring a picnic lunch!

**ANNUAL BATLEY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION** Fr Eamonn Hegarty and the Parish of St Mary's, Batley will once again be hosting the annual Batley Torchlight Procession on Monday 6 October, commencing at 7:30pm. The Procession will start at St Mary's Catholic Primary School and end at the nearby St Mary of the Angels' Catholic Church. The Torchlight Procession is a fine expression of our Catholic faith and gives honour to Mary, Mother of God. Refreshments afterwards.

**LAST SATURDAY, 9TH AUGUST** a few Good Shepherd parishioners joined the 80th anniversary of the atomic bomb attacks on Japan. This was at the Wavy Steps in Hebden Bridge, and we added our own silent prayers to the music, poetry and two minutes silence which shaped the commemoration.

The Mayor of Hebden Royd, as a member of Mayor's for Peace (a movement Sean Morris is deeply involved with), read from the anniversary statement by the Mayor of Hiroshima: "Hiroshima has become a peaceful, thriving city. At the same time, however, we are aware that the prosperity we are enjoying today is fragile, as the international situation shifts from one based on the rule of law and diplomacy to a world ruled by overt violence. Deterrence has been broken by over-confident leaders, extreme egoism, pressure from an agitated populace, and widespread misunderstandings or misconceptions."

We were a small group among the Saturday drinkers, strollers and shoppers, but as the statement said " we, the people, must never give up. Instead, we must work even harder to build civil society consensus that nuclear weapons must be abolished for a genuinely peaceful world."

We launched 80 origami cranes - a sign of peace and hope from a 12-year-old bombing victim - into the river Hebden, sending our prayers with them onto the waters.