



The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 24th + TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 24 Aug	9.30 am	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY	Kath Smith [A]
Monday 25 Aug		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday 26 Aug		Bl Dominic of the Mother of God, Priest	
Wednesday 27 Aug	NO MASS TODAY	St Monica	
Thursday 28 Aug		St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	
FRIDAY 29 Aug		The Passion of St John the Baptist, Martyr	
Saturday 30 Aug	10.00am	Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward, Martyrs	Nov Dead List 2024/5
Sunday 31 Aug	9.30 am	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY	Alice Redmond [A]

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

NB - NO MASS WEDNESDAY - 27 August & 03 September

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

PARISH OFFERING - Average monthly standing orders £1693.50

17/08/2025 Week 20 Total £91.85 | WK19 CO £4.10 |

BANKED – 18 August £95.00 | WK20 CO £0.95 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

30TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY – A Joyful Thanksgiving - We join in heartfelt congratulations and thanksgiving with **Katie O'Donnell and Mark Binns**, who celebrate their **30th Wedding Anniversary**. They were married at the **Good Shepherd on the 20th of August 1995**, and we rejoice as they mark this happy milestone. May the Lord, who has blessed their journey together, continue to enrich their lives with love, peace, and joy.

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**.

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!

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>

FLOWER ROTA | 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 04 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](#)

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 06 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.

CATHOLIC FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS In the ebb and flow of life, there are some topics we instinctively shy away from, and one of those is the inevitable journey towards our own end. Though the thought of our mortality may be daunting, a small gesture of preparation can make a world of difference, particularly to those who mourn our passing.

By engaging in a heart-to-heart conversation with our loved ones about our final wishes, we can offer them comfort and clarity in a time of grief. Consider discussing preferences for your Requiem Mass or funeral Service, your chosen Hymns, and Scripture Readings. These

intimate details will not only reflect your personal faith journey but will also provide solace and direction to those you leave behind.

Once decisions have been made, we recommend penning down these arrangements and placing them alongside your important documents in a safe location. In doing so, you provide guidance when it's needed most, ensuring that, even in absence, your love and thoughtfulness continues to guide and comfort.

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT MEETINGS Time for prayers, questions, input from a priest and social time. There are two groups meeting simultaneously; under 18s and over 18s. Fridays 6.30pm- 8.15pm:
19 September (Hinsley Hall),
17 October (Hinsley Hall),
14 November (Cathedral Hall),
19 December (Hinsley Hall).

Under 18 participants must complete and return a permission form prior to attending. For permission forms and to notify of attendance (all participants) please contact Vocations Promoter, Fr Simon Lodge simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

PERMANENT DIACONATE MASS As St Francis of Assisi's memorial, who was a deacon, is on Saturday 4 October, Bishop Marcus will be celebrating the 12.00 Mass at Leeds Cathedral in thanksgiving for the permanent diaconate in our Diocese. Clergy and lay faithful are invited to attend this celebration, especially men who may be discerning their possible vocation to the diaconate. Let us take this opportunity to pray for our permanent deacons and for vocations to the diaconate in our diocese.