

# The Good Shepherd

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## Sunday 7th + TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>Sunday 07 Sept</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY</b>	<b>Missa pro populo</b>
Monday 08 Sept		THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY FEAST	
Tuesday 09 Sept		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
<b>Wednesday 10 Sept</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>For India, many years of health and blessing</b>
Thursday 11 Sept		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday 12 Sept		The Most Holy Name of Mary	
<b>Saturday 13 Sept</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>St John Chrysostom</b>	<b>Nov Dead List 2024/5</b>
<b>Sunday 14 Sept</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS</b> Education Sunday	<b>Missa pro populo</b>

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

**NB - NO MASS SATURDAY - 27 SEPTEMBER**

**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

**31/08/2025 Week 22** Total £85.46 | WK20 CO £0.90 |

**BANKED – 01 September £85.00** | WK22 CO £1.36 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

**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**.

**FLOWER ROTA** | 7 September Doris Moorhead | 14 September Vacant |

21 September Leo Mcluskey | 28 September Mary Harwood |

5 October Mary & Tom O'Connell | 12 October Kay Pierce | 19 October Liz Godfrey |

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

Thank you.

**FOOTSTEPS** returns. This Sunday after Mass. All children welcome.

**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!***

**SURVEY FOR ALL THOSE ENGAGED WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH** We are now asking every diocese to help us share a new survey inviting everyone engaged with the Catholic Church, including Clergy, Religious (Consecrated Life), Parish Safeguarding Representatives, Employees, Volunteers and Parishioners to contribute their experiences. The aim of this survey is better understand how the Catholic Church engages with Survivors.

Information regarding this survey can be found

here: [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB\\_Xy63KLBE XoG2tIVAm\\_9UYqKjMSFUM1hSR1VCOEpYMUc4SDVQWTg3VkNDTzg5OS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB_Xy63KLBE XoG2tIVAm_9UYqKjMSFUM1hSR1VCOEpYMUc4SDVQWTg3VkNDTzg5OS4u)

**NEWS FROM THE ORCHARD** Patience has been rewarded! The trees, planted in November 2015, have all produced a good crop. It was very rewarding last Sunday (24.8) to see my hope realized: children picking plums after the Mass. I'm glad I took Fr Larkin's advice not to give up on the orchard. At one point when they were looking unpromising it crossed my mind to grub up the whole lot. It's good to know that the luncheon club and the Monday supper will use the fruit, so thanks to Jo and Steve for gathering up the plums that the wind had dispersed. The three compost bins are working well. The donations of grass clippings are appreciated. The bin on the left is producing a good quality compost which will be used to mulch the trees in the autumn. I will need help with this, but more about that in due course.

**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!

### **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](mailto: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.

### **CATENIANS: FAITH, FAMILY AND FRIENDSHIP**

Meet formally each month on the third Tuesday plus whenever another event has been arranged. Membership is open to any catholic men, but wives/partners are encouraged to always be involved. Details about the association can be found at <https://thecatenians.uk> or you may wish to speak to our Membership Officer Dennis Donnelly on 01484 606042.

**MARGARET SILF DAY OF REFLECTION** Prolific writer and retreat leader Margaret Silf's next retreat day is entitled 'Finding solid ground in times of turbulent change'. Wednesday 17 September at The Briery, Ilkley. £50pp including all resources, refreshments and a home-cooked 2 course lunch. For more information and to book, contact The Briery on 01943 607287 or [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk)

**"WHEN SUFFERING HAPPENS, MAKE MEANING!"** Dr Dorothy Jonaitis of Loyola University will lead a retreat afternoon offering an opportunity to reflect upon journeys of faith and how healing can take shape, using prayer, art and music. 1.00pm-5.30pm Sunday 5 October. £15pp at The Briery, Ilkley. For more information and to book, contact The Briery on 01943 607287 or [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk)

**"DELVE INTO THE BIBLE"** Dr Dorothy Jonaitis of Loyola University, Chicago, will lead a workshop exploring the reality of biblical authorship, the importance of context - audience, geography, and timeframe - and different translations. 10:00am - 3:00pm Saturday 11 October at Hinsley Hall. £20pp including lunch. For more information and to book contact [catechist.christtheking@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:catechist.christtheking@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE St Mary's Parish Ceilidh - Friday, 3 October at Pellon Social Club Halifax.** *No dance experience?* No problem. You'll be guided through the easy-to-follow-dances. *Two left feet?* No problem. It adds to the fun factor. *Low on energy?* No problem. Half-time supper will be provided to recharge your batteries plus Bar available to keep you refreshed throughout the evening. Ticket price: £20 (inc. supper). Cash only please. As well as tickets being on sale after our Sunday Masses (9:30am and 11am St Mary's and 6pm St Alban's), tickets can be arranged by contacting Julie Anderson on 07599 084360.