

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 14th + THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Sunday 14 Sept	9.30 am	THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS Education Sunday	Missa pro populo
Monday 15 Sept		Our Lady of Sorrows	
Tuesday 16 Sept		Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	
Wednesday 17 Sept	12noon	St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Miss Gill [A]
Thursday 18 Sept		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday 19 Sept		St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop	
Saturday 20 Sept	10.00am	Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	Ignacy Bastuba [A]
Sunday 21 Sept	9.30 am	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	John Machin [LD]

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

PARISH OFFERING - Average monthly standing orders £1693.50

07/09/2025 Week 23 Total £141.96 | WK22 CO £1.36 |

BANKED – 08 September £140.00 | WK23 CO £3.32 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

THIS SUNDAY: Collection for the Catholic Education Service

NEXT SUNDAY: Collection for Evangelii Gaudium Day

EDUCATION SUNDAY (13/14 September). The lectern address gives us the chance to celebrate the successes of our schools, promote our upcoming open days and admissions process, and highlight the important role of the foundation governor.

Below are the names of the people you can expect at Mass to deliver the addresses:

Mass Time	Church	Speaker	Role
5:30pm	Sacred Heart SB	Alex Hudson-Crook / Jo Woodhead	School Headteacher & Chair of Governors
9:30am	Good Shepard	Jo Woodhead	Chair of Governors
11:00am	Sacred Heart SB	Alex Hudson-Crook	School Headteacher

FIRST RECONCILIATION if your child is in Y3 (or older) then they are in the right age group to prepare for their First Reconciliation, this is usually followed by preparing for and celebrating their First Holy Communion the following year.

I would like to start the preparation after October half term.

Please catch me at Mass or ring 07725 854932 if you are interested in this.

FLOWER ROTA | 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.

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

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

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.

ST ALBAN'S – A YEAR OF CATECHESIS

St Alban's Croft, Halifax HX3 0AZ

"A Year of Catechesis" at St Alban's Halifax — a wonderful opportunity to deepen our knowledge of the faith, guided by the wisdom of our priests. Each evening will offer a chance to learn, reflect, and grow. The talks will take place in the parish hall on **Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm**, followed by **Holy Mass at 7:00pm**.

Programme of Talks 2025/26

- **14 October** – Fr Simon Lodge: *Marian Dogmas*
- **11 November** – Mgr. David Smith: *Death, Judgement, Hell and Heaven*
- **10 February** – Fr Benjamin Hilton: *The Saints*
- **10 March** – Fr David Reilly: *The Church's Faith*
- **28 April** – Fr Andrew Bowden: *The Good Life and How to Live It*
- **2 June** – Fr Sean Elliott: *The Sacred Liturgy*

Come and join in discovering the riches of Catholic teaching and how it shapes our lives today.

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

"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

"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

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.

STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE - FURTHER ACTION NEEDED

As the assisted suicide Bill progresses through the Lords, Peers have made it clear that receiving physical letters will have the most influence at this stage of the process. Right To Life UK has launched a new *EasyAction* tool that creates a personalised letter to be sent in the post to a Peer highlighting a key concern with the Bill, selects a Peer to receive it, and customises the letter so that it is addressed from you.

Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter to send a letter to Peers asking them to oppose assisted suicide.