

# The Good Shepherd

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## Sunday 5th + TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

<b>Sunday 05 Oct</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY</b>	<b>Missa pro populo</b>
Monday 06 Oct		St Bruno, Priest	
Tuesday 07 Oct		Our Lady of the Rosary	
<b>Wednesday 08 Oct</b>	<b>1.15pm</b>	<b>REQUIEM MASS</b>	<b>Kathleen Metcalfe [LD]</b>
Thursday 09 Oct		ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, PRIEST	
Friday 10 Oct		St Paulinus of York, Bishop	
<b>Saturday 11 Oct</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Saturday Mass of Our Lady</b>	<b>November Dead List</b>
<b>Sunday 12 Oct</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY</b>	<b>Missa pro populo</b>

**Sunday Mass Times - Sacred Heart & St. Patrick Sowerby Bridge | Saturday 5-30pm | Sunday 11am  
St Mary's Halifax – 9.30am & 11am | St Alban's 6pm**

**Requiem Mass for Kathleen Metcalfe Wednesday 8 October at 1.15pm**

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

**PARISH OFFERING** - Standing orders Total (Aug - Sept 25) **£2068**

**28/09/2025 Week 26** Total £146.01 | WK25 CO £4.90 |

**BANKED – 29 September £150.00** | WK26 CO £0.91 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

**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.

**HEBDEN ROYD HANGING BASKET SCHEME** Thank you for taking part in this year's **Hebden Royd Hanging Basket Scheme** - your support has helped make our community look its very best. Within the next week our contractors will begin taking down the baskets. This process may take a few days to complete, so we appreciate your patience. As in previous years, the basket materials will be composted, and the baskets themselves will be cleaned and prepared for reuse next year. We hope you've enjoyed the flowers. Dr. Ebony Andrews

**FLOWER ROTA** | 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.

**NO FOOTSTEPS** this week - most are away on the church weekend.

**Next Week - Sharing from the Church Weekend** - During this Mass, there will be a short presentation from our recent Church Weekend, with the children helping us with some of what they reflected upon together. Last year, many parishioners asked what we had experienced during the weekend, and why it had not been shared more widely. A simple note in the bulletin cannot capture the life and spirit of the weekend—so this year you will hear it firsthand. The theme

*“Be transformed by the renewing of your mind”* (Romans 12:2). The children will use butterflies as a symbol of transformation. Yet, as we know, butterflies live only for a short time. In the same way, our transformation will not last unless we remain close and connected to God, the source of true renewal.

**THE LATIN MASS SOCIETY** 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>

**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 Parishioners et al to contribute their experiences. The aim of this survey is to 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)

**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: 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)

**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*

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

**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.

**STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE - FURTHER ACTION NEEDED** 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](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter) to send a letter to Peers asking them to oppose assisted suicide.

### **FAMILY AND GROUP STAYS AT CASTLERIGG MANOR THIS OCTOBER HALF TERM**

Castlerigg Manor is a Retreat Centre in the Lake District, owned by the Diocese of Lancaster, and they are opening their doors to family groups, individuals and other small groups once again during October Half Term (Oct 27-31). A good option for anyone looking for a budget get-away in a beautiful part of the country. Book at <https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/> or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

**LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS AUTUMN PROGRAMME** Free Guided Tours will take place on the following dates: Saturday 8 November, at 1.30pm; and Saturday 13 December, at 1.30pm. The tours last about 1 hour. No booking is required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2025** Prayer, fasting and (current 'buffer-zone-law'-compliant) peaceful vigil in support of the unborn, their mothers, fathers and families. 7am-7pm daily from 24 September to 2 November. More info here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/event/40-days-for-life-2025/> Contact Chris via 07815 681343 & [40daysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlife@gmail.com)

**LIVING SIMPLY** Many of us feel helpless in the face of the reckless plan to expand so many airports, especially now that we are acutely aware of the danger to health of air pollution and noise. One positive thing we can do is to stop flying. There are countless wonderful holiday spots in Europe easily reached by train. European trains are fast, reliable and they deposit you in the centre of your destination. Some who don't want to give up flying altogether have decided to stay grounded just for a year. If flight numbers fall, the argument against airport expansion will be strengthened. For more information see [www.flightfree.co.uk](http://www.flightfree.co.uk).

**MARK 10 MISSION ROSARY CHALLENGE** Pray the Rosary with Archbishop John Wilson and The Mark 10 Mission this October. The Rosary Challenge invites you to pray a decade of the Rosary each weekday in October. The Mark 10 Mission has created beautiful online videos for each mystery of the Holy Rosary, led by Archbishop John. To watch the videos and learn more, please visit [www.themark10mission.co.uk](http://www.themark10mission.co.uk) or The Mark 10 Mission YouTube channel @themark10mission

**APPEAL FOR LUNCHEON CLUB HELPERS** We are all familiar with the Lord's words: *"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few"* (Matthew 9:37–38).

For over 30 years the Good Shepherd Luncheon Club has welcomed around 36 guests each week. Most come from the wider community, so for many we are truly the "face of the Good Shepherd." Alongside a four-course meal, our guests treasure companionship, a focus to their week, and—often—relief from isolation or caring duties.

At present we have 16 faithful volunteers, most of us well past our *three score years and ten*. We are not looking for cooks, but for helpers—people to serve lunch, wash up, and

clear away. Ideally, six helpers are needed each Wednesday, 12–2.30pm. Even offering your time once a month would make a real difference.

If you are unsure, simply come along one Wednesday and see what's involved.

At our Church Family Weekend, Emma, shared a meditation on Elisha and the widow's oil (2 Kings 4). She wrote: *"God wants to work through us. So what have you got? What can you offer? We may feel we have little to offer, but however small, God can use it. When we offer Him the little we have, He can transform it into something far greater than we can imagine."* So—what have you got? If it is simply the skill of knowing how to wield a tea towel, we need you urgently (and training will be provided) —Anne Plunkett.