

# The Good Shepherd

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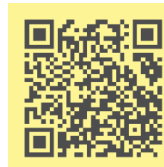
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## Sunday 12th + TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>Sunday 12 Oct</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY</b> <i>Prisons Week 12th – 18th Oct</i>	<b>Missa pro populo</b>
Monday 13 Oct		St Edward the Confessor	<b>Bishop David Konstant (Oct 2016) [A]</b>
Tuesday 14 Oct		St Callistus I, Pope and Martyr	
<b>Wednesday 15 Oct</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila)</b>	
Thursday 16 Oct		St Hedwig, Religious	<b>Priest's Intention</b>
Friday 17 Oct		St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr	
<b>Saturday 18 Oct</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>St Luke, Evangelist</b>	
<b>Sunday 19 Oct</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY</b>	<b>Judith Cunningham [LD]</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**

**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**

**05/10/2025 Week 27** Total £84.79 | WK26 CO £0.91 |

**BANKED – 06 Oct - £85.00 | WK27 CO £0.70** 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

**NEXT SUNDAY** Collection for Association for the Propagation of the Faith

**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** | 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** 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. 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>

**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

**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.

**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)

**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, we need you urgently (and training will be provided) —Anne Plunkett.