

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 26th + THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 26 Oct	9.30 am	THIRTIETH SUNDAY	Elio and Maria Manfredi [A]
Monday 27 Oct		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday 28 Oct		SS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES FEAST	
Wednesday 29 Oct	12noon	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Miss Gill [A]
Thursday 30 Oct	6.00pm	Michael Plunkett received into the church	
Friday 31 Oct	1.15pm	Requiem Mass	Michael Plunkett [LD]
Saturday 01 Nov	10.00am	Mass of Our Lady	Mr & Mrs T Larkin [A]
Sunday 02 Nov	9.30 am	+ ALL SAINTS+	Kathleen Metcalfe [LD]

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

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

19/10/2025 Week 29 Total £277.91 | WK28 CO £4.74 |

BANKED – 20 Oct - £280.00 | WK29 CO £2.65 Thank you for your support.

World Mission Sunday £198.00 Thanking you.

Thank You to John Veitch Ltd at Orchard Business Park, Mytholmroyd for £70 cheque.

PARISH GIVING If you wish to set up a standing order account detail:

Good Shepherd - Sort Code 40-27-15 - Account No. 21023209

WE REMEMBER in prayer the repose of the soul of **Michael Plunkett**.

Michael will be received into the church on **Thursday 30 October at 6.00pm**, and his Requiem Mass will take place on **Friday 31 October 2025 at 1.15pm**, followed by committal at Parkwood Crematorium at 3.00pm. Let us keep Michael and his family in our prayers, commending him to the mercy of God. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

NOVEMBER CEMETERY SERVICE I invite you to join me at **Stoney Royd Cemetery Halifax**

Sunday 2 November at 3pm - Since the beginning of Christianity it has been a practice to honour the dead by visitations to the place of burial. We return to remember all those buried in this cemetery - Requiescant in Pace.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL PLACES & OPEN DAY Are you or family and friends looking for a warm, welcoming school with a high-quality Catholic education for your child? At our recent faith inspection in May 2025 inspectors said *“Pupils at Sacred Heart understand the distinctive nature and Catholic identity of the school. They feel safe, cared for, happy and all feel that they have someone that they can talk to.”*

Come and see our wonderful school for yourself on **Monday 10 November** with tours being held at 10am, 2pm, 5pm. If you cannot make this date, please do contact us in school and we would be happy to show you around at a time that better suits you. There are flyers in the back of church with more information, and we look forward to meeting you! If you need any help with applications for reception places for September 2026 or if you are looking to transfer into another year group, we are very happy to help!

Tel: 01422 831360 Email: admin@sacredheart.calderdale.sch.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 or The Mark 10 Mission YouTube channel @themark10mission

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 | 26 October Vacant |

If anyone would like to join the flower rota, talk to either Doris or Liz. Thank you.

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>

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

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.

FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL - DISCIPLESHIP DAYS Please join the Franciscan Friars (CFR's) at St Patrick's Mission Church, Bradford. The theme is "Called to Holiness: The Second Vatican Council after 60 Years". Upcoming dates November 1, December 6, January 10, February 7, March 7, and May 2. The day includes Rosary, Holy Mass, a reflection on the Second Vatican Council documents, Confessions and Eucharistic adoration, concluding around 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided.

ANNUAL SERVICE AT KILLINGBECK CEMETERY NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS Sunday 9 November at 2.30pm. All the Diocese are invited to come to the cemetery and pray for the deceased members of the Diocese and extended family. The service, led by Canon Patrick Wall, Dean of East Leeds, will be in the chapel with readings, hymns, and rosary. Weather permitting, we will walk around the clergy circle reciting the rosary.

NEURODIVERSITY AND OUR CATHOLIC FAITH is the subject of research being conducted by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales and Birmingham Newman University. If you're an adult neurodivergent Catholic or a Caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic, we want to hear from you. Your experiences will help us to become more inclusive and responsive to your needs. To find out more and to fill in our short surveys look here: www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys/