

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 9th Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 09 Nov	9.30 am	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA <i>Day of Prayer for all victims of war</i>	Missa pro populo
Monday 10 Nov		St Leo the Great	
Tuesday 11 Nov		St Martin of Tours	
Wednesday 12 Nov		NO MASS WEDNESDAY	
Thursday 13 Nov		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday 14 Nov		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday 15 Nov	10.00am	Mass of Our Lady	Yorkshire Brethren 2025
Sunday 16 Nov	9.30 am	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY	Private Intention in

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

NB - NO MASS WEDNESDAY – 12 & 19 November

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick Sowerby Bridge

REQUIEM MASS – STUART STOTT RIP 12.00noon on Wednesday, 12 November

FUNERAL SERVICE – JAMES DIDGIUNAITIS RIP 11.00am on Wednesday, 19 November

NO Luncheon Club 26 November – Requiem Mass, see below

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**

02/11/2025 Week 31 Total £109.50 | WK30 CO £4.00 |

BANKED – 03 NOV 2025 - £110.00 | WK31CO £3.50 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

REQUIEM MASS Constance Withey RIP We ask your prayers for the repose of the soul of Constance, who has recently died. Constance will be **received into the church on Tuesday 25 November at 6.00pm**, and her **Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 26 November at 11.45am**, followed by committal at Parkwood Crematorium at 1.30pm.

We hold in our hearts her family, friends, and all who mourn her passing.
May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER is associated with prayer for the Holy Souls. Masses will be offered throughout the year for those whose names are on the November Dead List. Envelopes are available for this purpose at the back of the church. Please **print** the names of your deceased relatives and friends, in an envelope together with your offering. Once the list has been closed at the end of November, the offerings are made into £10-00 Mass intentions and celebrated throughout the year. This can be handed to Canon Larkin. A total of 40 Masses were offered for the deceased relatives and friends of the parish 2024/25. Return the envelop by Sunday **30 November** thank you.

NEWS FROM THE ORCHARD All the trees and the two blackcurrants have been weeded and need only to be mulched for the winter. If you can help with this, please contact me on 01422 646 744. It won't take more than an hour, but I find it a bit heavy these days, hence the request for help. The compost bins are full of good compost just waiting to be spread around the trees. Peggy Thomas

QUIZ NIGHT ALERT Mark your calendars for **Friday, 5 December** at 6:30pm — it's time for another *fun-filled evening of trivia, laughter, and community spirit!* As winter draws in, come and enjoy the warmth of great company and a buzzing atmosphere. Test your brainpower with rounds of general knowledge and rebus puzzles — who will be crowned this year's champions? We'll keep you fuelled with tea, coffee, juice, and a delicious pie & pea supper. (Feel free to bring your own tipples. Tickets: £5 per person or £15 per family, available from Julie & Jo after Sunday Masses — virtual tickets also available. Get your thinking caps on and join us for an unforgettable night of fun, food, and friendly competition!

SACRED HEART SCHOOL PLACES & OPEN DAY 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 happy to help.

Tel: 01422 831360 Email: admin@sacredheart.calderdale.sch.uk

FIRST RECONCILIATION NOTE - Reconciliation - 11.00am - 28 March 2026 at St Bernard's Halifax. 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.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL - SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION Confirmation (children in Year 6 or above) will be celebrated at the Parish of **St Mary's in Halifax – 7pm on 18 November.** Our preparation is well underway. **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Children in Yr 3 or above) & First Holy Communion (Children in Yr 4 or above) Children in these year groups or above receive these sacraments in the spring/summer of 2026. Preparation takes place in school. If your child does not attend Sacred Heart or another Catholic primary school, please

contact school and we can support you with preparations. Please speak to Mrs Mitchell in the office or email admin@sacredheart.calderdale.sch.uk and we will get back to you.

FORTHCOMING ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE Please pray for Mr Dominic Williams, who is in formation for the permanent diaconate for our diocese. He will be ordained to the diaconate on Saturday 29 November 2025, 11:00am at Leeds Cathedral. All welcome to attend.

EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENT On Tuesday 21 October, the Holy See announced that His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed the Right Reverend Bishop Nicholas Hudson, currently Auxiliary Bishop in Westminster, as Bishop of Plymouth. Please keep Bishop Hudson in your prayers as he approaches his Installation on 29 November 2025.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO HOLY ORDERS AND RELIGIOUS LIFE For the past 11 years, since becoming Bishop of Leeds, I have prayed intentionally every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Before the Icon of Our Lady of Unfailing Help (Our Lady of Perpetual Succour) in the chapel at Bishop's House, the simple prayer I have used, is as follows:

*Our Lady of Unfailing Help!
Pray that the Lord of the Harvest
will send labourers into His harvest
and that He will grant an abundance of vocations
to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life
within the Diocese of Leeds,
and throughout the world. Amen.*

I ask all priests, deacons and consecrated religious to unite their communities with me in praying this prayer at the end of each celebration of Sunday Mass (and at weekday Masses if possible) from the 1st Sunday of Advent (30th November 2025) through to the Solemnity of Pentecost (24th May 2026). It is a prayer which is easily committed to memory but can also be printed on weekly parish newsletters, without taking up too much print space, for people to use and follow. When the liturgical calendar allows for it, I encourage priests also to celebrate with the people of their parish and communities, the Mass provided in the Roman Missal 'For Vocations to Holy Orders' (Page 1319), and 'For Vocations to Religious Life' (Page 1330). Together with regular public prayer, this will provide a spiritual bedrock on which vocations to the sacred ministry and religious life can be promoted and built.

FLOWER ROTA | 9 November Breda & Chris Allen | 16 November Linda Oswin | 23 November Irene Ogden. 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>

APPEAL FOR LUNCHEON CLUB HELPERS For over 30 years the Good Shepherd Luncheon Club has welcomed around 36 guests each week. 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.

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/

JESUIT INSTITUTE ONLINE 2025-26 PROGRAMME The online public programme has been developed to share the riches of Ignatian spirituality with as many people as possible. All details and events on website <https://www.jesuitinstitute.org/events>