

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 23rd + CHRIST THE KING

Sunday 23 Nov	9.30 am	CHRIST THE KING	Missa pro populo
Monday 24 Nov		Ss Andrew Dung-Lac	
Tuesday 25 Nov		St Catherine of Alexandria	
	6.00pm	Constance Withey received into church	
Wednesday 26 Nov	11.45am	Requiem Mass	Constance Withey [LD]
Thursday 27 Nov		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday 28 Nov		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday 29 Nov	10.00am	Mass of Our Lady	for India
Sunday 30 Nov	9.30 am	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A	Marilyn Swann [A]

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

NO Luncheon Club 26 November – Requiem Mass for Constance Withey

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

PARISH OFFERING - Standing orders Total (Oct 2025) **£2047.54**

16/11/2025 Week 33 Total £108.48 | WK32 CO £1.32 |

BANKED – 17 NOV 2025 - £105.00 | WK33CO £4.80 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

TODAY: Collection for the Catholic Youth Service

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.

ADVENT CONFESSION This year, Advent Confession will take place at **St Mary's on Saturday December 20**, from 9:00am to 4:00pm. This sacred opportunity calls us to reflect on the transformative power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation; 09.00 - 10.00 Fr Hilton | 10.00 - 11.00 Mgr. McQuinn | 11.00 - 12.00 Fr Hall | 12.00 - 13.00 Canon Larkin | 13.00 - 14.00 Fr Owens | 14.00 - 15.00 Mgr. Owens | 15.00 - 16.00 Fr Hilton
I warmly invite all parishioners to take part in this Advent Confession on 20 December. Let us embrace this time of penance and grace as we ready ourselves to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, renewed in spirit and heart.

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 tipple. Tickets: £5 per person or £15 per family, available from Julie & Jo after Sunday Masses — virtual tickets available. Get your thinking caps on and join us for an unforgettable night of fun, food, and friendly competition.

LAUDATO SI' ADVENT ECO-FAIR, HINSLEY HALL, LS6 2BX, Saturday 13 December 10am to 3pm. FREE entry! Stalls, activities, advice, refreshments. PLUS, Adoration in the Chapel & (weather dependent) short Rosary Walk. If YOUR parish, business, or charity would like a stall, contact communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

NEWS FROM THE ORCHARD Latest News. Thanks to Helena and Frank for their work on the orchard. The trees have now been mulched with our home-made compost, having previously been given a helping of bone meal. So, the worms will spend the winter taking it all down to the roots. If anyone is getting rid of carpet, more would be useful on the compost bins. Ideally strips 6' long and 3' wide. Natural fibres please and no foam backing.

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.

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 to unite 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, 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.

ROGER O'DOHERTY is selling his bird/wildlife calendars for charity. All profits are split equally between Calder Food Support our local foodbank and Medical Aid for Palestinians - two incredibly worthy causes. The calendars are £10 each, please see Jo to buy one.

ADVANCE NOTICE Hebden Bridge Brass Band Christmas concert, Sunday 21 December.

FLOWER ROTA | 23 November Irene Ogden.

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

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>

LEEDS CATHEDRAL VACANCY Leeds Cathedral is recruiting a part time caretaker to work with a small, dedicated team. For an application form and further information, please e-mail your contact details to recruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk Or alternatively for an informal chat, please phone 0113 245 4545. Closing date for applications is Friday 12 December.