

# The Good Shepherd

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## Sunday 11th + THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

<b>Sunday 11 Jan</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD <i>Christmas Time ends</i></b>	<b>Kathleen Metcalfe [LD]</b>
Monday 12 Jan		St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot	
Tuesday 13 Jan		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
<b>Wednesday 14 Jan</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>GS Nov Dead List 2025/26</b>
Thursday 15 Jan		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday 16 Jan		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
<b>Saturday 17 Jan</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>St Anthony, Abbot</b>	<b>GS Nov Dead List 2025/26</b>
<b>Sunday 18 Jan</b>	<b>09.30am</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Sr Bernadette Woodhead ODC</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 (-) **£2047.54**

**04/01/2026 Week 40 Total £102.43 | WK39 CO £4.75 |**

**BANKED – 05JAN 2026 - £105.00 | WK40CO £2.18** 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 Poor Missions Fund

**NOTICE** You will have noticed the presence of scaffolding at the main entrance of the church. This has been erected in order to allow for a careful investigation into water ingress affecting the roof area. Thank you for your patience and understanding while this work is undertaken.

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD LUNCHEON CLUB** will be reopening on **Wednesday 14 January 2026**. Looking forward to welcoming you back as the work has been completed and the lounge is once again properly warmed.

**NO FOOTSTEPS** Sunday 11 January after Mass. See you there.

**MANY THANKS** to everyone who came and supported the event held at The Good Shepherd in Mytholmroyd which was in aid of the **Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust**. All the £114 raised will be spent on the palliative care of patients in Bethlehem. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you so much, Caroline Walsh of St Mary's Halifax

**FIRST RECONCILIATION** Dates for Reconciliation classes:

Tuesdays, 13 Jan | 03 and 24 Feb | 10 and 17 March. All at 6.30pm until 7.30pm at Good Shepherd. The celebration of the Sacrament is on Saturday 28 March at St Bernard's church in Boothtown. Any questions speak to Jo at Mass or 07725 854932.

**LOURDES**- Booking for 2026 Lourdes Pilgrimage is now open at <https://www.tangney-tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-leeds/> If you feel that you could volunteer as a doctor, nurse or carer please get in touch with Julie at chief.nurse@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for further information. You will need to register as a volunteer prior to booking a place.

**THE MAYOR, CLLR KEITH BUTTERICK** will be holding a fundraising quiz for his chosen charity White Ribbon UK, on Thursday, 29 January 2026 at 7.30pm at the Shoulder of Mutton in Mytholmroyd, HX7 5DZ. The quiz is only £2 per person to enter with up to 4 people per team. Each team will receive a free pizza on the evening too. Please see attached and below, flyer with more details. If you would like to take part, please reply to [info@hebdenroydtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@hebdenroydtowncouncil.gov.uk)

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL** 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](mailto:admin@sacredheart.calderdale.sch.uk) and we will get back to you.

**JUSTICE AND PEACE**. Our Justice and Peace group has been trying for some time to make our world, and our small part of it, a bit more just and peaceful. The shortage of affordable housing is an example of injustice. This is being addressed by Calder Valley Community Land Trust, founded in 2014 and serving Mytholmroyd, Hebden Bridge and Todmorden. So far, the Trust has, among other things, built 6 independent living bungalows for older people in Walsden, occupied since 2020, looked after Fielden Hall in Todmorden, has acquired a house in Hebden Bridge and has even been donated a semi-detached house in Todmorden.

The Trust has successfully bought two homes attached to Fielden Hall by raising investment from the community and supported this by also raising grant funding and is looking to repeat this success.

At present, funds are being raised to purchase a dwelling in Heptonstall which would have become another AirBnB without this campaign fails. So far, £165,000 has been raised, including over £40,000 in community share investments from local people, towards a target of around £250,000. This money would enable the Trust to buy the house, at a generous discount, and spend over £60,000 to improve it. If successful, this will be the second local dwelling to be bought by the Trust, refurbished and let to people in desperate housing

need. The first, in Brunswick Street, Hebden Bridge now houses a woman and her child who had been sleeping on a settee in her parents' house. Local people should be able to live locally in a secure, warm, affordable home and the Trust, with help, is achieving this. For information about how to help leaflets are in the porch, or you can just look up [CVCLT](#) on your computer. The Heptonstall community share offer is open until 27 January 2026.

link to website:

<https://caldervalleyclt.org.uk/>

And this is the link direct to the Northfield share offer page.

<https://caldervalleyclt.org.uk/northfield-share-offer/>

## VACANCIES

**SENIOR GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING OFFICER VACANCY:** The Finance Department of the Diocese of Leeds, is recruiting a Senior Grants and Fundraising Officer. Based at Hinsley Hall, Leeds. More details at [www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies/](http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies/). Deadline for applications is Friday, 30 January 2026 and first interviews to be held on Wednesday, 4 February 2026.

**CATHOLIC CARE IS RECRUITING:** Adult LD Waking Night Support Workers – Sutton in Craven –Part time. Salary £24,892 - £26,096 pro rata. Please email CV to [recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk)

**SHAPE THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION – BECOME A DIRECTOR:** The Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust is seeking a director with a strong strategic educational background to join our Trust Board and help steer long-term direction. This voluntary role is ideal for individuals who understand curriculum development, school improvement, and governance at scale. You will influence key decisions, champion innovation, and ensure high standards across our schools. If you would like further information about this role please contact Mrs Jemma Johnson, BWCAT Head of Governance at [j.johnson@bwcat.org](mailto:j.johnson@bwcat.org)

**ASSISTANT HEAD OF PHILOSOPHY, THEOLOGY AND ETHICS VACANCY:** Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College, Leeds. Start: January 2026 or as soon after. Closing date: 22 January 2026 Further info: please visit <https://www.notredamecoll.ac.uk/vacancies> To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Louise Jackson [l.jackson@notredamecoll.ac.uk](mailto:l.jackson@notredamecoll.ac.uk)

**GROWING OLD GRACE-FULLY VACANCY:** Growing Old Grace-fully is looking for a freelancer to support work across the diocese, with a focus on unpaid Carers. The project has funding for 12 hours per week (or monthly equivalent) at £20 per hour plus travel expenses. We have funding initially for a one-year contract. Closing date: 16th January 2026. Interviews: Thursday 28th January 2026. For an application pack please e mail [carol.burns@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carol.burns@yahoo.co.uk) To find out more go to [www.growingoldgracefully.org.uk](http://www.growingoldgracefully.org.uk)

**HEAD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VACANCY:** Holy Family Catholic High School, Keighley. Start: Easter 2026. Closing date: Friday 16th January at 9am. Contract packs are available from the school office: [office@holyfamilyschool.uk](mailto:office@holyfamilyschool.uk) or 01535 210212. For further information or an informal discussion, please contact Michelle Clare, [mclare@holyfamilyschool.uk](mailto:mclare@holyfamilyschool.uk)