

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 18th + SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 25 Jan	9.30 am	THIRD SUNDAY	For Gez Hodgson, Family & Friends 2021 [A]
Monday 26 Jan		Ss Timothy and Titus	
Tuesday 27 Jan		St Angela Merici	
Wednesday 28 Jan	12noon	St Thomas Aquinas	Nov Dead List 2025/26
Thursday 29 Jan		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday 30 Jan		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday 31 Jan	10.00am	St John Bosco	Yorkshire Brethren 2026
Sunday 01 Feb	09.30am	FOURTH SUNDAY	Elio and Maria Manfredi [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

A WARM WELCOME to our parish. Whether you are a regular member of our community or a visitor joining us for the first time, we are delighted to have you here. Join us for Tea or Coffee after Sunday Mass

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

PARISH OFFERING - Total SO (59) (DEC 2025 – JAN 2026) **£2078.50**

18/01/2026 Week 42 Total £168.24 | WK41 CO £1.16 |

BANKED – 19 JAN 2026 - £166.00 | WK42CO £3.40 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

LENT HOUSE GROUPS Once it is time to start planning the ecumenical Lent house groups. We are going to use a course devised by the Methodist Church 'A Spiritual Reboot over Lent'. There will be four groups and there is a list at the back of church to sign if you would like to attend.

CATHOLIC FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS A small gesture of preparation can make a world of difference, particularly to those who mourn our passing. Consider discussing preferences for your Requiem Mass or funeral Service, your chosen Hymns, and Scripture Readings. These details will not only reflect your faith but will also provide direction to those you leave behind. Once decisions have been made, I recommend penning down these arrangements and placing them alongside your important documents in a safe location. In doing so, you provide guidance when it's needed most, ensuring that, even in absence, your love and thoughtfulness continue to guide and comfort.

LGBT Ministry The Salford diocese provides a Mass for the LGBT community at St Augustine's church, Grosvenor Square, in Manchester at 15.00 on the last Saturday of every odd numbered month. The principal celebrant at the next Mass (January 31) will be the **Rt Rev John Arnold, Bishop of Salford**. The Middlesbrough diocesan team hold a Mass on the second Sunday of every month at 15.00 at the Bar Convent in York. Next Mass February 08. All are welcome.

FLOWER FUND ROTA 2026

1 February – Cathy and John Duffy

8 February – Anne Plunkett

15 February – Patricia and Paul Newman

22 February – vacant

Flower collection for Easter 5th Sunday of Lent Sunday 22 March 2026.

FIRST RECONCILIATION Dates for Reconciliation classes:

Tuesdays, 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.

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 and we will get back to you.

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.

'PEACE BE WITH YOU!' – A RETREAT DAY Saturday 31 January at The Briery, Ilkley. All are invited to join Wharfedale parishioners for a day of prayer and reflection at the start of the year. 10.00-3.30 £35pp including a two-course home-cooked lunch and all refreshments. For more information and to book, contact Beth 01943 607287 or admin@briery.org.uk

VIVALDI'S GLORIA WITH GABRIELI ROAR Hear Vivaldi's ever-popular Gloria in a vibrant performance by Gabrieli Roar, bringing together Gabrieli's professional singers and orchestra with young singers from choirs across the Diocese of Leeds Schools Singing Programme. The programme opens with Baroque favourites by Monteverdi and Purcell, showcasing music written nearly 350 years ago and still thrilling young singers today. Sat 7 Feb, 7.45 pm Leeds Cathedral. Book here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/gabrieli/baroque-masters-with-gabrieli-roar/e-xpbxzv>

ANNUAL LOURDES DINNER DANCE Friday 13th February 2026 at the Met hotel in Leeds. Tickets are available from Phil Marshall at £45 or £400 for a table of 10. The ticket price includes reception drink, a 3 course Meal, Tea & coffee, DJ and entertainment throughout the evening. To secure your tickets for this popular event, contact Phil on 07766 148375 or email philmarshall49@outlook.com. All profits at the event go to the Diocesan Lourdes fund.

IRISH NIGHT FUNDRAISER in aid of the Little sisters of the Poor rebuild fund February 27th 2026, Irish Centre, York Road, Leeds commencing at 7.30pm. Irish meal soda bread and Irish dessert, Irish music and dancing. Auction, raffle and football card, tickets on sale in Irish Centre and also contact Sister Christina email funds.leeds@lsplondon.co.uk

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/. Deadline for applications is Friday, 30 January 2026 and first interviews to be held on Wednesday, 4 February 2026.

PRISON CHAPLAIN VACANCY (Open to Roman Catholic Ordained Priests, Deacons, Religious Brothers, Sisters, Lay Person). HMP & YOI New Hall is a closed female prison in Flockton, Wakefield serving a community of around 350 prisoners. Many of our prisoners have complex needs and have lived chaotic lifestyles, therefore this role is both challenging and rewarding in equal measure. Further details at:

<https://jobs.justice.gov.uk/careers/JobDetail/13870?entityId=13870>

Closing date: 4 February 2026 For further information/informal chat please contact: Rev. Lesley Greenwood-Haigh Lesley.GreenwoodHaigh@justice.gov.uk

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY St Columba's Catholic Primary School, Bradford. Start: September 2026. Closing date: Monday, 23 February 2026. Please contact the Trust HR department to discuss the role in more detail or to arrange a visit, hr@bcwcat.co.uk

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

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

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Normanton. Start: September 2026. Closing date: Monday, 2 February 2026. Further info: https://ce0218li.webitrent.com/ce0218li_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC179GF.open?WV_ID=797592QEnN&VACANCY_ID=992803rP0v To discuss or arrange a visit, contact sbm@sjb.bkcat.uk or call 01924 891685

ACN RECRUITING PARISH APPEALERS Would you like to earn a little money while doing something powerful to support persecuted Christians and Christians in need? Join the ACN self-employed parish applier team and share stories in parishes while you raise much needed funds and prayers. See: <https://acnuk.org/jobs>

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR We currently have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor at All Saints Catholic College in Huddersfield which students from our parish attend. Foundation Governors play a vital role in supporting the Catholic ethos, ensuring strong governance, and helping shape the future of our schools. The role involves attending meetings, offering strategic guidance, and safeguarding the faith character of our education. Training is provided. If you feel called to serve in this important role and would welcome a conversation please contact the Diocesan Vicariate for Education: education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk