

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 8th + FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 08 Feb	9.30 am	FIFTH SUNDAY	David Lingard [LD]
Monday 09 Feb		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday 10 Feb		St Scholastica	
Wednesday 11 Feb	12noon	Our Lady of Lourdes <i>World Day of Prayer for the Sick and those who care for them</i>	GS Nov Dead List 2025/26
Thursday 12 Feb		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday 13 Feb		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday 14 Feb	10.00am	SS CYRIL AND METHODIUS PATRONS OF EUROPE	GS Nov Dead List 2025/26
Sunday 15 Feb	09.30am	SIXTH SUNDAY	Missa pro populo

**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**

01/02/2026 Week 44 Total £97.95 | WK43 CO £0.70 |

BANKED – 02 FEB 2026 - £95.00 | WK44CO £3.65 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

THIS SUNDAY: Collection for the Diocesan Lourdes Fund

FLOWER FUND ROTA 2026

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.

WE BELIEVE 2027 The second We Believe festival - a festival of Catholic life in the UK - will take place from 24 to 27 July 2027 at Oscott, Birmingham. Tickets will be on sale from February. For more information: www.webeliefefestival.com.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JUBILARIANS

Congratulations to all those clergy celebrating the Jubilee of their Ordination this year:

Platinum Rev Fr Eugene Pathe

Diamond Very Rev Canon Sean Durcan | Very Rev Canon Sean Gilligan

Golden Rev Fr Anthony Fenton | Very Rev Anthony Wilson

Ruby Very Rev Canon Ian Smith | Rev Mgr Paul Owens | Rev Mgr Andrew Summersgill

Silver Very Rev Canon Martin Kelly | Rev Fr Sean Parsons

The Venerable English College will host a Jubilarian Celebration of Priesthood at Palazzola from 23 to 27 November 2026

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 2026 A note for your diary - Please join us for the annual worldwide ecumenical service which will be held at Hebden Royd Methodist Church on Friday 06 March at 1:30 pm. This year's service "I will give you rest, come" has been written by Christian women from Nigeria and gives insights into their lives as they work towards a world without injustice, insecurity, religious persecution, marginalisation and poverty. At a time of increasing fragmentation in the world order, social unrest, war and mass displacement of people fleeing violence and poverty, we do hope you will take this opportunity to join with others from our neighbouring churches and Christians across the world in prayer and music as we reflect on the words of Jesus "Come to me all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest.... ." Matthew 11.: 28-29. **The service is open to all.**

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY To subscribe for the paper to be sent direct to your home, michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk or 07436 617650.

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 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.

CATHOLIC FAMILY RETREAT AT CASTLERIGG MANOR

March 27-29th £160-230 per family- For the first time since Covid, Castlerigg Manor are bringing back their popular family retreats. There will be streams for different ages and fun activities for everybody including Mass in the evening and time to explore Keswick. For more info castleriggmanor.com

MAY HALF TERM B&B Stays at Castlerigg Manor - In May half-term, Castlerigg Manor (Catholic retreat centre in Keswick, Cumbria) will once again be opening their doors for B&B stays. A great way for families, groups of friends, and individuals to get an affordable stay in Keswick. Mass will be provided on site. For more info castleriggmanor.com/stay with us

NEW ARCHBISHOP OF WESTMINSTER His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop Richard Moth to be the 12th Archbishop of Westminster, succeeding His Eminence Vincent Cardinal Nichols. The Archbishop elect has served as Bishop of Arundel and Brighton since 2015 and as Bishop of the Forces from 2009 to 2015. The new Archbishop will be Installed at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday, 14 February 2026.**

SACRED HEART SCHOOL leads sacramental preparation sessions during school hours for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Preparations for Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on Friday afternoons 1-2pm from after the half term break (27 February). Preparations for Holy Communion will begin after Easter on Friday afternoons 1-2pm (17 April) If you would like more information or to arrange for your child to participate in sessions, please contact Mrs Hutchings via the school office or email admin@sacredheart.calderdale.sch.uk

DATES THAT CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE THEIR SACRAMENTS:

First Reconciliation 29 March 2025 at 11am St Bernard's

First Holy Communion Sunday, 17 May 2026 11.00 at Sacred Heart

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.

ANNUAL LOURDES DINNER DANCE Friday 13 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.

ORATORY OF ST JOSEPH At Bishop Marcus' request, a monthly group for men aged 21-35 is launching for the Dioceses of Leeds and Middlesbrough. Last Thursday of the month starting 26 February, 6.30-8.30pm. Hinsley Hall, (62 Headingley Lane, LS6 2BX). Group prayer, guest speakers, talks, social time, supper, and Adoration. This new initiative is one of the first collaborations between the Dioceses of Middlesbrough and Leeds since the appointment of Bishop Marcus as Apostolic Administrator to Middlesbrough. For more details, see the poster on the noticeboard or contact: benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

MASS FOR HEALING Chapel at the Bar Convent, 17 Blossom Street, York, 24 February at 11.45am with Fr Dominique Minskip, Canon Michael Loughlin and Fr Jo Michael. For assistance or if you are unable to attend but would like your name or the name of someone you know placed on the altar during the mass, please contact Fiona Hill 01904 464900 fiona@stbedes.org.uk