

# The Good Shepherd

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## Sunday 15th + SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 15 Feb	9.30 am	SIXTH SUNDAY	Missa pro populo
Monday 16 Feb		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday 17 Feb		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
<b>Wednesday 18 Feb</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Nov Dead List 2025/26</b>
Thursday 19 Feb		Thursday after Ash Wednesday	
Friday 20 Feb		Friday after Ash Wednesday	
<b>Saturday 21 Feb</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>Nov Dead List 2025/26</b>
<b>Sunday 22 Feb</b>	<b>09.30am</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>Anne Mackenzie [A]</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

**A WARM WELCOME** 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](mailto:pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**PARISH OFFERING** Total SO (59) (DEC 2025 – JAN 2026) **£2078.50** If you wish to set up a standing order: Good Shepherd - Sort Code 40-27-15 - Account No. 21023209

**08/02/2026 Week 45** Total £339.65 | WK44 CO £3.65 |

**BANKED – 09 FEB 2026 - £340.00** | WK45CO £3.30 Thank you for your support.

**COLLECTION** Diocesan Lourdes Fund **£235.41** Thank you

**ASH WEDNESDAY** I invite you to attend Mass and receive the ashes on the **Wednesday 18 February** in the Parish at **12noon**. Also, **Mass at Sacred Heart & St. Patrick Sowerby Bridge - at 09.30am** Ashes distributed at all Masses.

**THE RITE OF ELECTION** and Call to Continuing Conversion will take place on the 1st Sunday of Lent, **22 February at 2:30pm, Leeds Cathedral.**

**LENT HOUSE GROUPS** Thank you for signing up for this year's Lent Groups.

Monday starting 23 March at the Good Shepherd 10.00am

Tuesday starting 24 March at Hebden Royd Methodist Church 1.00pm

Thursday starting 26 March at The Vicarage Heptonstall 1.00pm.

**STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE** - further action needed - Please take 30 seconds to stop assisted suicide from being forced into law. Right To Life UK has made an EasyAction tool to email your MP asking them to oppose attempts to force assisted suicide into law by bypassing the House of Lords. Visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/ASCommons2026](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASCommons2026) to ask your MP to oppose forcing the assisted suicide Bill into law.

**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 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.

### **FLOWER FUND ROTA 2026**

15 February – Patricia & Paul Newman | 22 February – vacant

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

**THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY** To subscribe for the paper to be sent direct to your home, [michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk) or 07436 617650.

### **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](http://castleriggmanor.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

**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](http://castleriggmanor.com/stay) with us

**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](mailto: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

**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](mailto:fiona@stbedes.org.uk)

**JUSTICE AND PEACE** Parishioners might like to know about the Christian Blind Mission, started in 1908 by German pastor Ernst Christoffel, who was moved to help the blind whom he encountered on a visit to turkey. The mission now operates in many countries and helps with other disabilities as well, but preventable blindness remains the priority. Cataracts are a leading cause of blindness, and their removal is relatively cheap but it's beyond the means of many of the world's poor. New-born babies as well as older people are affected by cataracts, and the mission has helped countless to see again since its beginning so long ago. It's heartening to read the stories of people whose lives were transformed when their sight was restored. Just google Christian Blind Mission to learn more.

**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.webelievofestival.com](http://www.webelievofestival.com).

**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](mailto:chief.nurse@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) for further information. You will need to register as a volunteer prior to booking a place.

**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](mailto:benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)