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Sunday 15th + SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 22 Feb	9.30 am	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT <i>No Gloria</i>	Anne Mackenzie [A]
Monday 23 Feb		Weekday of Lent	
Tuesday 24 Feb		Weekday of Lent	
Wednesday 25 Feb	12noon	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>	David Lingard [LD]
Thursday 26 Feb		Weekday of Lent	
Friday 27 Feb		Weekday of Lent	
Saturday 28 Feb	10.00am	Weekday of Lent	Yorkshire Brethren 2026
Sunday 1 March	09.30am	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	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 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.

22nd February (1st Sunday of Lent) - *"In this season of Lent, we offer up the merits of our daily sacrifices to the needs of the most vulnerable in society. We offer them especially for the poor, the terminally ill, the lonely, the homeless and the unborn, that the Lord would see their needs and pour out his love and blessing upon them. Lord in your mercy".*

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** If you wish to set up a standing order: Good Shepherd - Sort Code 40-27-15 - Account No. 21023209

15/02/2026 Week 46 Total £89.00 | WK45 CO £3.30 |

BANKED – 16 FEB 2026 - £90.00 | WK46CO £2.30 Thank you for your support.

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

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

Monday - 23 March at the Good Shepherd 10.00am

Tuesday - 24 March at Hebden Royd Methodist Church 1.00pm

Unfortunately, the Heptonstall group will not take place.
Please bring a bible with you to the group

STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE - further action needed - 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 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 years' 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.

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY To subscribe for the paper to be sent direct to your home, 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

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 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

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

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.webelievFestival.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 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

FOOD BANK We are all too well aware that the seemingly never-ending cost of living continues to rise. Every Sunday Barry Geldard collects and distributes our Food Bank donations. It's perhaps inevitable that whilst regular contributions continue, it's very noticeable that they have fallen over several months. We are currently very much in the season of, 'heat or eat' for the most vulnerable of all ages and circumstances. Nourishing food and particularly that which can be heated on a single burner or ring is always needed but never more so at this time. If you can, please add at least one Food Bank item to your weekly shop. Many supermarket own brands are of good quality and can cost significantly less than a pound. For much less than the price of a coffee or a sandwich you can give someone what may be their main meal of the day.

Monday 16 March, 18.00

Join a Catholic Union webinar on Monday 16 March at 6.00pm to explore whether science poses a threat to today's Catholicism. Chaired by Catherine Pepinster, well known journalist, attendees will hear from Revd Dr Gareth Leyshon, Astrophysicist, Catholic Priest of the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia and parish priest of the four churches comprising Our Lady of the Valleys. Those wishing to register for the webinar please email info@catholicunion.org.uk and a zoom link will be provided. Booking is essential. Dr Leyshon, Astrophysicist, has been key in the evangelisation work in the Archdiocese of Cardiff having built up a network of 150 lay Catholics keen to share faith across the length and breadth of the Archdiocese and also through the Cornerstone project. He is currently Vice-Chair of the Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion for South Wales and Herefordshire. Those wishing to register for the webinar on Monday 16 March at 6.00pm please email info@catholicunion.org.uk and a zoom link will be provided. Booking is essential.

Monday 20 April, 18.00

The Art of Beauty. Join a webinar on Monday 20 April at 6.00pm to explore the place of beauty, amongst the other transcendentals, in the moral formation of the person and of society. Chaired by Catherine Pepinster, well known journalist, attendees will hear from Father Patrick van der Vorst and Stefan Kaminski.

Father Patrick van der Vorst is a Belgian and British priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster and former entrepreneur, dealer, art expert and winner on BBC's Dragons' Den. Father Patrick is the Founder of [Christian Art](#) which provides daily Gospel Readings paired with a related work of art and a short reflection.

Stefan Kaminski is the Director of [The Christian Heritage Centre](#) at Stonyhurst, where he has been creating and delivering Catholic formation content for a wider audience. He gained a licentiate from the John Paul II Institute in Rome, having focussed his studies on theological anthropology. Inspired by Stonyhurst's collection of relics, artefacts and books, The Christian Heritage Centre exists to form the intellect and spirit of Catholics in the tradition of the English Martyrs. Those wishing to register for the webinar on Monday 20 April at 6.00pm please email info@catholicunion.org.uk and a zoom link will be provided. Booking is essential.

VACANCIES

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

HEADTEACHER VACANCY St Augustine's Catholic Primary School, Leeds. Start: September 2026. Closing date: Tuesday 24 February 2026. Please contact the Trust HR department to discuss the role in more detail or to arrange a visit, hr@sgtgc.org.uk

ASSISTANT HEAD OF CORE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VACANCY at Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College, Leeds. Closing date: 23 February 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

TEACHER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VACANCY St. Mary's, Menston, Start: Monday 27 April 2026. Closing date: Monday, 23 February 2026. Further info: <https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/Trust-Academy-Vacancies/> To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Jo-Anne Hughes, ja.hughes@stmarysmenston.org Further details attached.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY St Thomas à Becket Catholic Secondary School, Wakefield. Start: September 2026 or earlier. Closing date: Monday 23 February 2026. For an informal and confidential conversation about the role, please contact Rob Barraclough, Acting CEO, The Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust on 01924 802285, rbarraclough@bkcat.uk Visit <https://www.bkcat.co.uk/vacancies/> for more details and to apply.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY St Paulinus Catholic Primary School, Dewsbury. Start: September 2026. Closing date: Sunday 1 March 2026. Visit <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/148485/EDV-2026-SPCPA-18824> for more details and to apply.