

# The Good Shepherd

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## Sunday 22nd + FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 22 March	9.30 am	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Angela Capocci [LD]
Monday 23 March		Weekday of Lent	
Tuesday 24 March		Weekday of Lent	
Wednesday 25 March	12noon	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	Nov Dead List 2025/26
Thursday 26 March		Weekday of Lent	
Friday 27 March		Weekday of Lent	
Saturday 28 March	10.00am	Weekday of Lent	Nov Dead List 2025/26
Sunday 29 March	09.30am	PALM SUNDAY	Michael King [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** 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) (2026) **£2078.50** If you wish to set up a standing order:  
Good Shepherd - Sort Code 40-27-15 - Account No. 21023209

**15/03/2026 Week 50** Total £258.30 | WK49 CO £0.15 |

**BANKED – 16 MARCH 2026 - £255.00** | WK50 CO £3.45 Thank you for your support.

**Collection for Catholic Care - £162.30**

**TODAY COLLECTION FOR EASTER**

**2026 -27 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** The new envelopes will be available **soon** at the back of church – please check your box carefully. Thank you for Switching to Standing Order.

## A MESSAGE TO THE CLERGY, RELIGIOUS AND LAY FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESES OF HALLAM, LEEDS AND MIDDLESBROUGH

Following the resignation of the Right Reverend Ralph Heskett C.Ss.R. as Bishop of Hallam, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop Marcus Stock as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Hallam. This responsibility is in addition to his ministry as Bishop of Leeds and his current role as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Middlesbrough. At this

time of transition, we are invited to unite in prayer for Bishop Marcus as he undertakes this significant pastoral duty. May the Lord grant him wisdom, strength, and peace in his service to the Church. Let us also pray for the Diocese of Hallam, giving thanks for the faithful service of Bishop Heskett, and asking God's blessing upon all clergy, religious, and lay faithful as they look to the future with hope. See visit <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/bishops-message-to-the-dioceses-of-hallam-leeds-and-middlesbrough/>

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

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

**LENT LUNCHES** Today 22 March - Good Shepherd at 12noon

29 March - St Michael's at 12noon. Please try to support.

**PALM SUNDAY – 29 MARCH 2026 – 9:30AM**

The liturgy of Palm Sunday offers us a solemn foretaste of the sacred events we shall celebrate during the Easter Triduum, as the Church begins her pilgrimage through the Passion of Our Lord.

**Raising of the Cross Household – 3:00PM on Palm Sunday (29 March see below\*)**

**CHRISM MASS 2026** A reminder that the **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated at **11:00AM on Wednesday of Holy Week (1 April 2026)** at **St Anne's Cathedral, Great George Street, Leeds LS2 8BE**. All are warmly welcome to attend. Please be seated by **10:45AM**.

I hope many of you will be able to join the Bishop for this beautiful and significant celebration of Holy Mass.

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**THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

The Paschal Triduum begins with the **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday** and continues through **Good Friday of the Lord's Passion**, the **Easter Vigil**, and culminates in the joy of **Easter Sunday**.

**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Holy Thursday – 2 April – 7:30PM**

Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by watching before the Altar until **9:00PM**.

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**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – 3 APRIL – 9:30AM**

A solemn day of **Fasting and Abstinence**.

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**EASTER 2026 EASTER VIGIL**

You are warmly invited to join me at **Sacred Heart & St Patrick's, Sowerby Bridge**, for the **Mass of the Easter Vigil Saturday 4 April – 7:30PM**

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**EASTER SUNDAY – 5 APRIL**

- **Good Shepherd, Mytholmroyd – 9:30AM**
- **Sacred Heart & St Patrick – 11:00AM**

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During the Easter Season, the **Paschal Candle** is placed near the ambo or beside the altar. It remains there throughout the whole of **Easter Time**, burning as a sign of the risen Christ until the end of **Pentecost Sunday**.

**\*EASTER AT HORSEHOLD** We will be raising the Cross at Horsehold on **Palm Sunday 29 March** at 3pm. Please see Steve or Kay if you can help or we will be asking you. This witness to the valley has been important for many years so help it happen again. On **Easter Sunday 5 April** there will be the usual SonRise service at Horsehold at 6.30am. This is a peaceful meditative service (well worth getting up for).

**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](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASCommons2026) to ask your MP to oppose forcing the assisted suicide Bill into law.

**HALIFAX FRIENDS OF PALESTINE** Representatives of the Women in Hebron Co-operative will be talking about life in the Occupied West Bank and about the beautiful craft of Palestinian embroidery. On Thursday 26 March 12.30pm to 3pm at Heath URC Church Free School Lane HX3 0DW. There is a poster in the entrance to church. See Kay for further details.

**SVP AND CAFOD WORK EXPERIENCE** The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 21 – 26 June in London. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old, but priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. Apply here:

[https://svp1.formstack.com/forms/work\\_experience\\_application\\_form\\_2026](https://svp1.formstack.com/forms/work_experience_application_form_2026).

Applications close on 6 April. For any queries, please contact [KeziaH@svp.org.uk](mailto:KeziaH@svp.org.uk)

**FOOD BANK** Food costs will impact on those least able to afford it. Many schools have breakfast clubs as hungry children don't learn. Those same children often go hungry at home. Food banks provide fresh foods that isn't practical for our community to contribute through our weekly contributions and Barry's monthly delivery routine. Dry foods and tins of nutritious foods that containing protein work best, not forgetting hygiene products of all kinds. Soap, toothpaste and brushes, shower gels etc, are always in demand helping to save household costs. We can help for as little as a pound. Please add '*Food Bank*' to your weekly shopping list, if you can. Thank you.

**DANCING IN YOUR SEATS** a seated dance class for those who prefer a gentler way to exercise, every Friday beginning 27 March, (Excluding Good Friday 03 April) 10.00 - 10.40am. Come along or book a place with Laura on 0785 2971044