

# The Good Shepherd

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## Sunday 19th THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

<b>Sunday 19 April</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>Missa pro populo</b>
Monday 20 April		Weekday of Easter	
Tuesday 21 April		St Anselm	
<b>Wednesday 22 April</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>	<b>Nov Dead List 2025/26</b>
Thursday 23 April		SAINT GEORGE, MARTYR AND PATRON OF ENGLAND	
Friday 24 April		St Fidelis of Sigmaringen	
<b>Saturday 25 April</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>ST MARK, EVANGELIST FEAST</b>	<b>Nov Dead List 2025/26</b>
<b>Sunday 26 April</b>	<b>09.30am</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>Anne-marie Langan [LD]</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

**NB - NO MASS WEDNESDAY 29 April 2026**

**FUNERAL SERVICE** – Mary Philomena Hibbert to be held at Park Wood Crematorium 29 April 12.45

**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

**12/04/2026 Week 2** Total £115.75 | WK1 CO £4.75 |

**BANKED – 13 APRIL 2026 - £120.00** | WK2 CO £0.50 Thank you for your support.

**EASTER COLLECTION** thank you for your Easter offering.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Collection for the Priests' Training Fund

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUNCHEON CLUB** reopen after our two-week Easter break on  
**Wednesday 15 April 2026.**

**LIGHT BREAKFAST** after Mass today Sunday 19 April. You are all invited.  
Contributions towards upholstery upstairs.

**AD MULTOS ANNOS** to our jubilarian (Ruby) - **Rev Mgr. Paul Owens** a retired priest associated with the Diocese of Leeds, Halifax Deanery, and formerly affiliated with the Roman Catholic Bishopric of the Forces (GB) *Ad multos annos* is a Latin phrase meaning

"towards many years" or "for many years". It is a traditional celebratory acclamation, used to wish someone a long and fruitful life, often sung in Catholic and Orthodox traditions on anniversaries. Mgr. Owens will join us to celebrate 40yrs of Holy Priesthood on **Sunday 5 July at 11am**. Sacred Heart & St. Patrick Sowerby Bridge. All welcome.

**SACRED HEART School Places** please contact the school if you would like an appointment with the headteacher contact the school office on 01422 831360

**PEACE AND JUSTICE** In the life of the Church, the call to justice is never abstract; it finds its expression in practical charity, in the quiet strengthening of our communities, and in the protection of the vulnerable. One meaningful way we may respond to the injustice of inequality is by supporting the Calderdale Credit Union, based in Halifax. Open to anyone who lives, works, or volunteers in Calderdale or Kirklees, the Credit Union is a member-owned cooperative, guided not by profit but by the common good.

It offers affordable loans, encourages responsible saving, and provides helpful support with budgeting. Where needed, it can also direct members to other organisations for further assistance. In this way, it becomes not merely a financial service, but a safeguard, helping to protect individuals and families from the hardship and exploitation of high-interest and illegal lending.

Even those who may not require such services can play a vital role. By opening a savings account and making regular deposits, you help to build a shared fund from which others may borrow safely and affordably. Thus, the strength of the whole community is quietly increased, and the dignity of each person upheld.

**Opening Times:** Monday – Thursday: 9:30am – 5:00pm | Friday: 9:30am – 2:00pm

**Contact Details:** Email: [admin@calderdalecreditunion.co.uk](mailto:admin@calderdalecreditunion.co.uk)

**Telephone:** 01422 386060

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In supporting such initiatives, we give living witness to the Gospel, where justice is tempered with mercy, and charity is made real in the ordinary fabric of daily life.

**CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT** Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Head to [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com) or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) / 017687 72711

**YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY** Do you know anyone aged 18-25 who is looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and work in Churches and schools around the area. The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work. Interested? Contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com) >> join the team

**THE DIOCESES OF LEEDS, HALLAM AND MIDDLESBROUGH** His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop Marcus Stock as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Hallam. This is in addition to his ministry as Bishop of Leeds and his current role as Apostolic Administrator

of the Diocese of Middlesbrough. The Holy Father has invited you the faithful of the dioceses of Middlesbrough, Hallam and Leeds to undertake an important task in helping the bishop. Please visit <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/bishops-message-to-the-dioceses-of-hallam-leeds-and-middlesbrough/>

**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.

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE** On Saturday 16 May 2026, there will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral at 12noon for couples and their families celebrating - (Silver), (Ruby), (Golden), (Diamond) and (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. If you are celebrating the anniversary of your wedding and you would like to take part, please fill out the application form below and send it to the Bishop's Secretary: Miss Cooke, Bishop's House, 13 North Grange Rd, Leeds, LS6 2BR or Email it to: [bishop.secretary@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:bishop.secretary@dioceseofleeds.org.uk), by **Friday 1 May 2026**

**Please complete the following:**

Wife's First Name: .....

Wife's Surname: .....

Wife's Maiden name: .....

Husband's First Name: .....

Husband's Surname: .....

Address: .....

Postcode: .....

Email: .....

Telephone Number: .....

Date of Marriage: .....

Place of Marriage: .....

*(Please include the name, town and county of the church in which you were married)*

**RESEARCH STUDY ON CHURCH ARCHITECTURE**

A research project is currently being undertaken by Simon Gibson as part of his MSc in Building Surveying at the University of the Built Environment (formerly UCEM). The study explores the perception of beauty in church architecture and how this may influence the spiritual experience of the faithful, and the wider public.

You are invited to take part by completing a short online questionnaire. Your participation would be greatly valued, and you are also encouraged to share the survey with others— whether clergy, members of your congregation, family, or friends.

The questionnaire can be accessed here:

<https://forms.gle/byxFG6a3w3hyKNqMA>

For any enquiries about the research, Simon Gibson is very happy to assist and can be contacted at:

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### **FLOWER FUND ROTA 2026**

03 May – Agnes | 10 May – Janet Almond | 17 May – Maureen and Frank Flynn |

24 May – Jeanette and David Marsh | 31 May – Sheila Pickles

**DANCING IN YOUR SEATS** a seated dance class for those who prefer a gentler way to exercise, every Friday 10.00 - 10.40am.

Come along or book a place with Laura on 0785 2971044