

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 26th + FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER WHITE

World Day of Prayer for Vocations with Collection for the Priests' Training Fund

Sunday 26 April	9.30 am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Missa pro populo
Monday 27 April		Weekday of Easter	
Tuesday 28 April		St Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr	
Wednesday 29 April	NO MASS TODAY	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA	-
Thursday 30 April		St Pius V, Pope	
Friday 01 May		St Joseph the Worker	
Saturday 02 May	10.00am	St Athanasius	Nov Dead List 2025/26
Sunday 03 May	09.30am	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Anne-marie Langan [LD]

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

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

19/04/2026 Week 3 Total £74.00 | WK2 CO £0.50 |

BANKED – 20 APRIL 2026 - £70.00 | WK3 CO £4.50 Thank you for your support.

TODAY SUNDAY: Collection for the Priests' Training Fund

LIGHT BREAKFAST Thank you to everyone who came, served, sang, donated and cleaned up. We appreciate you all. We are overwhelmed that we raised **£650** which not only will pay to upholster the chairs but will also pay for two toilets to be 'Twinned', for the smaller children's room to be redecorated and for the small upstairs kitchen to be better equipped. Thank you all. Maggie.

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.

NB Opening Times: Tuesdays: 9.30 to 2.00 | Fridays: 9.30 to 12.00

Contact Details: Email: admin@calderdalecreditunion.co.uk

Telephone: 01422 386060

Address: 17–19 Commercial Street, Halifax, HX1 1HJ

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 or contact 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 or www.castleriggmanor.com >> join the team

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.

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

MARRIAGE SUPPORT If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues – Retrouvaille could be the solution. www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS SUMMER PROGRAMME A Free Guided Tour will take place on the following Saturdays during the spring and summer months: 16 May (starting at 2.00pm) and 20 June, 18 July and 8 August, when the tours start at 1.30pm. The tour lasts about 1 hour. No booking is required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

VACANCIES

Children and Young People's Ministry Co-ordinator Job Opportunity: Our Lady and All Saints Parish, Otley are seeking to recruit a Lay Co-ordinator to work at the Parish assisting the Parish Priest in the spiritual and pastoral care of young people within the parish community. Part-time role, 22.5hrs per week involving evenings and weekends, term time only, two-year fixed term contract. Please contact Fr. Nicholas Hird for an application pack 01943 462146 or office.ourladyallsaints@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. Closing date, Tuesday, 12 May 2026.

CATHOLIC CARE IS RECRUITING: Care Bank Workers. £14.12 per hour, various locations in Bradford. Support Worker - Part time available to work 16 hours a week. Salary £26,045 – £26,879 pro rata, location: Keighley. email your CV or completed Application Form to recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk Please see website for full details: www.catholic-care.org.uk

NEW HALL PRISON CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN VACANCY: Please visit website for details: <https://jobs.justice.gov.uk/careers/JobDetail/16659-Roman-Catholic-Prison-Chaplain-18-5-hrs/16659>

ASSISTANT TO LAY CHAPLAIN VACANCY: at Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College, Leeds. Start: As soon as possible. Closing date: 06 May 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

INTERESTED IN TRAINING/VOLUNTEERING AS A RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLOR?

Marriage Care, a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support is currently looking for those who are empathetic, understanding and have an enthusiasm for supporting adult relationships, to train for Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) and

volunteer. Please note there are costs associated with training (far lower than with alternative training providers) however no one is excluded on their ability to pay. For information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.