

# The Good Shepherd

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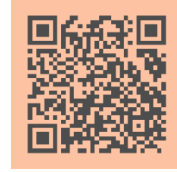
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## Sunday 3rd + FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 03 May	9.30 am	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Anne-marie Langan [LD]
Monday 04 May		THE ENGLISH MARTYRS FEAST	
Tuesday 05 May		Weekday of Easter	
Wednesday 06 May	NO MASS TODAY	Annual presbyteral conference at Hinsley Hall Leeds from Tuesday 5th May at 11.00am until Wednesday 6th May.	
Thursday 07 May		St John of Beverley, Bishop	
Friday 08 May		Weekday of Easter	
Saturday 09 May	10.00am	Weekday of Easter	Nov Dead List 2025/26
Sunday 10 May	09.30am	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Claire Hannah Robertson [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

**NB - NO MASS WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**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

**26/04/2026 Week 4** Total £291.73 | WK3 CO £4.50 |

**BANKED – 27 APRIL 2026 - £295.00** | WK4 CO £1.23 Thank you for your support.

Collection for the Priests' Training Fund £ 172 – thank you.

**FOOTSTEPS** after Mass this Sunday. All children are welcome.

**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.

## **APPOINTMENTS TO PAROCHIAL OFFICES AND OTHER MINISTRIES AFTER EASTER 2026**

Rev Fr Benjamin Hilton Parochial Administrator ad interim of Ss Peter & Paul, Yeadon  
(From 21st April 2026 until 31st August 2026)

SUMMER 2026 Rev Fr Benjamin Hilton Parish Priest of the Parish of St Maximilian Kolbe,  
Leeds, &

continuing as Priest Chaplain to HMP Leeds

## **RETIRING FROM HOLDING PAROCHIAL OFFICE - SUMMER 2026**

Rev Fr Robert Owens Retiring from the Parish of St Bernard, Halifax, and the  
Parish of St Theresa of the Child Jesus, Queensbury

## **APPOINTMENTS TO PAROCHIAL OFFICES AND OTHER MINISTRIES FROM SUMMER 2026**

Rev Fr Joshua Hilton

Parochial Administrator of the Parish of St Bernard, Halifax,  
and the Parish of St Theresa of the Child Jesus, Queensbury

(In addition to current responsibilities as Parish Priest of the Parish of St Mary, Halifax)

**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** The Church's call to justice is lived out in practical charity and care for  
the vulnerable. One way to respond is by supporting Calderdale Credit Union in Halifax, a  
member-owned cooperative serving those who live, work, or volunteer in Calderdale or  
Kirklees. It offers affordable loans, promotes responsible saving, and provides guidance for  
those in need—helping protect individuals and families from high-interest and illegal  
lending. Even if you do not require its services, opening a savings account and contributing  
regularly strengthens the shared fund for others. In this quiet way, we uphold human  
dignity and build a more just community.

**Opening times:** Tuesdays 9.30–2.00 | Fridays 9.30–12.00

**Contact:** [admin@calderdalecreditunion.co.uk](mailto:admin@calderdalecreditunion.co.uk) | 01422 386060

**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

**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.

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