

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 17th + SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER WHITE

World Communications Day - Collection for Catholic Communications

Sunday 17 May	9.30 am	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Kathleen Metcalfe [A]
Monday 18 May		St John I, Pope and Martyr	
Tuesday 19 May		St Dunstan, Bishop	
Wednesday 20 May	12noon	St Bernardine of Siena, Priest	Murray & Kerr Family YB
Thursday 21 May		Ss Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs	
Friday 22 May		St Rita of Cascia, Religious	
Saturday 23 May	10.00am	Weekday of Easter	Nov Dead List 2025/26
Sunday 24 May	09.30am	PENTECOST SUNDAY	Alan Bottomley [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

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

10/05/2026 Week 6 Total £107.09 | WK5 CO £2.13 |

BANKED – 11 MAY 2026 - £105 | WK6 CO £4.22 Thank you for your support.

BISHOP'S PASTORAL - CHANGES TO THE HALIFAX DEANERY

NEW INTERIM MASS SCHEDULE FROM AUGUST

From August:

- **Saturday:** 5.00pm – St Bernard's
- **Sunday:** 9.00am – St Malachy's | 11.00am – St Columba's
- 9.30am – St Mary's | 11.00am – St Mary's
- 6.00pm – St Alban's

This is our challenge, and it is our responsibility to address it. We all know Catholics who stay at home on Sundays or choose almost anything else over Mass and we must reach out to them. In my view, this process will lead to a positive outcome for the Halifax Deanery.

Reshaping our structures gives us a rare chance to revitalise and renew Catholic life in our Deanery.

LUNCHEON CLUB I write with sincere gratitude for your generous donation of **£200** towards the cost of energy for the kitchens and parish room. Your generosity strengthens not only the fabric of the church, but also the bonds between those who come together in companionship, service and care. Please accept my thanks for all that you do.

NEWS FROM THE ORCHARD In a recent *Gardeners' World*, Monty Don shared a helpful insight: trees grown with plenty of compost and fertiliser may shoot up at first, but that doesn't always translate into long-term strength. When they are less pampered early on, their roots reach further for nutrients, and the tree often becomes more vigorous. On our site, a former row of stone cottages meant we couldn't dig holes as large as we would have liked, so growth was slow for the first five years. Now, eleven years on, all the trees are thriving. We lightly pruned the four apple trees this winter because they were heavily pruned last year, with a little more pruning planned later in the year. As a rule, winter pruning encourages growth while summer pruning slows it. Plum trees, however, should always be pruned in summer, as winter pruning can make them prone to disease.

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

ONLINE GOSPEL MEDITATIONS The Briery Retreat Team offers fortnightly guided meditations on Zoom throughout the year, with time for reflection and sharing. Sessions take place on Thursdays from 7.30 pm to 8.15 pm, with the room opening at 7.15 pm for conversation and introductions. All are welcome. To register for the link, email admin@briery.org.uk.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT If your marriage is going through a difficult time, whether the issues feel minor or more serious, Retrouvaille may be able to help. For more information, visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk or call +44 797 338 0443.

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

FLOWER FUND ROTA 2026

17 May – Maureen & Frank Flynn | 24 May – Jeanette & 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

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.



CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK, 24-30 May, is a time when Parishes and Catholic charities such as CAFOD celebrate the work made possible in the life of the Church through gifts in Wills. Find out more about the week using QR code or at cafod.org.uk/CatholicLegacyWeek

VACANCIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Diocese of Leeds Music Vacancy The Diocese of Leeds is seeking to appoint a Choral Director to work in the Schools Singing Programme in Bradford. For more information, please visit dolmusic.uk/vacancies or contact recruitment@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk.
Closing date: 1 June 2026, 5.00 pm.

Speech and Language Therapist Vacancy St John's Catholic Specialist School, Boston Spa, is looking to appoint a Speech and Language Therapist as soon as possible. The role is for up to 37 hours per week, and term-time-only working will be considered. For further details or to arrange a visit, contact Mrs Holt at karen.holt@stjohns.org.uk or on 01937 842144.
Closing date: Friday 5 June 2026, 12 noon.

Interviews: Date to be confirmed. Application packs are available at <https://www.stjohns.org.uk/work-with-us/vacancies>.

Full-Time Special Educational Needs RE Class Teacher Vacancy St John's Catholic Specialist School, Boston Spa, is recruiting a full-time Special Educational Needs RE Class Teacher, starting on 1 September 2026. For further details or to arrange a visit, please contact Mrs Karen Holt at karen.holt@stjohns.org.uk or on 01937 842144.
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Training and Volunteering Opportunity: Relationship Counsellor Marriage Care, a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support, is inviting applications from people who are empathetic, understanding, and enthusiastic about supporting adult relationships. Successful applicants will train for the Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) and volunteer in this role. Please note that there are costs associated with the training, although these are much lower than with many alternative providers, and no one is excluded because of an inability to pay. For more information, visit www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.