

# The Good Shepherd

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## Sunday 24th + PENTECOST

As from tomorrow the recitation of the Angelus (The Angel of the Lord...) resumes.

Outside Easter Time the Paschal Candle should not be kept in the sanctuary

nor should it be lit, except for the celebrations of Baptism and funerals

Sunday 24 May	9.30 am	PENTECOST SUNDAY	Kathleen Metcalfe [A]
Monday 25 May		The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	
Tuesday 26 May		St Philip Neri	
Wednesday 27 May	12noon	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY	Murray & Kerr Family [YB]
Thursday 28 May		OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST	
Friday 29 May		St Paul VI, Pope	
Saturday 30 May	10.00am	The Yorkshire Martyrs	Nov Dead List 2025/26
Sunday 31 May	09.30am	TRINITY SUNDAY	Fred Alston [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**

**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

**17/05/2026 Week 7** Total £190.94 | WK6 CO £4.22 |

**BANKED – 18 MAY 2026 - £190** | WK7 CO £5.16 Thank you for your support.

Collection for Catholic Communications £90.00 thank you.

## BISHOP'S PASTORAL - CHANGES TO THE HALIFAX DEANERY

### Interim Mass schedule from August

- Please note: the Mass arrangements will be under review as part of the continuing pastoral reorganisation.
- 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.

**JUNE 2026 EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS** Saint Mary, Halifax, will host a week of Eucharistic Adoration, devotions, and presentations, concluding with Mass on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, celebrated by His Lordship the Bishop.

- **Sunday 7 June:** Feast of Corpus Christi – 11:00am Opening Mass
- **Monday 8 June:** Mass at 9:30am, Holy Hour; 6:00pm presentation at St Alban's
- **Tuesday 9 June:** Mass at 9:30am, Holy Hour; 6:00pm presentation at St Alban's
- **Wednesday 10 June:** Mass at 9:30am, followed by Exposition until 9:00pm
- **Thursday 11 June:** Mass at 9:30am, followed by Exposition until 9:00pm
- **Friday 12 June:** Exposition from 9:00am until 3:00pm;

Solemn Closing Mass **Friday 12 June 7:00pm**, celebrated by Bishop Stock for the Feast of the Sacred Heart, followed by refreshments. Be generous with your time.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) or call +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.



**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](http://cafod.org.uk/CatholicLegacyWeek)

**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.

**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

**FLOWER FUND ROTA 2026** | 24 May – Jeanette & David Marsh | 31 May – Sheila Pickles

**BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION & SOLEMN VESPERS:** Sunday 7 June, 3.00pm, St Mary's Church, Batley. We will be hosting our annual Blessed Sacrament Procession followed by Solemn Vespers on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of the Lord, 3.00pm. Beginning on the grounds of St Mary's Primary School and processing to St Mary's Church for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the celebration of Solemn Vespers. Refreshments available in the school hall afterwards.

**NEW LIFE THROUGH WATER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT DAY FOR NEW CATHOLICS:** The Faith Formation team within the Vicariate for Education warmly invites newly received Catholics to a retreat day exploring the gift of new life in Christ, including time for prayer and fellowship, celebrating the adventure of faith together. Saturday 27 June, 10.00am–3.00pm, Briery Retreat Centre, Ilkley, £35 per person (including lunch). Further information/booking, please contact the Briery 01943 607287 or [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk).

**YORK CATHOLIC HISTORY DAY 2026:** The York Catholic History Day takes place at the Bar Convent in York on Saturday 6 June. The programme begins at 10.30, with registration from 10 am. More information can be found at <https://www.crs.org.uk/york-catholic-history-day>

## 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](http://dolmusic.uk/vacancies) or contact [recruitment@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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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