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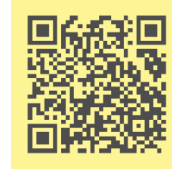
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Sunday 31st + TRINITY SUNDAY

Sunday 31 May	9.30 am	TRINITY SUNDAY	Fred Alston [A]
Monday 01 June		St Justin, Martyr	
Tuesday 02 June		Ss Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs	
Wednesday 03 June	12noon	Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs	Murray & Kerr Family YB
Thursday 04 June		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday 05 June		St Boniface, Bishop and Martyr	
Saturday 06 June	10.00am	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	Nov Dead List 2025/26
Sunday 07 June	09.30am	CORPUS CHRISTI	Missa pro populo

**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

23/05/2026 Week 8 Total £134.45 | WK7 CO £5.16 |

BANKED – 26 MAY 2026 - £135 | WK8 CO £4.61 Thank you for your support.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – CORPUS CHRISTI

Next Sunday will be a day of great joy and thanksgiving in the life of our parish as we gather to celebrate the Feast of **Corpus Christi**. On that day, we will be delighted to welcome **Kaitlyn**, who will receive her **First Holy Communion**. Having prepared carefully through prayer, learning, and reflection, Kaitlyn is looking forward with great excitement to receiving Our Blessed Lord in the Holy Eucharist for the very first time. This sacred occasion marks an important milestone in her journey of faith and will, we pray, become a treasured memory throughout her life.

The Holy Eucharist is the greatest gift Christ has entrusted to His Church. It is not merely a symbol, but Christ truly present among us, His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. The Eucharist is rightly called the *source and summit of the Christian life*, nourishing us with God's grace and drawing us ever closer to Him.

As Kaitlyn prepares to receive her First Holy Communion, all of us are invited to reflect upon the immense privilege of being able to receive Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The Feast of Corpus Christi reminds us of the wonder of Christ's abiding presence in the Eucharist and calls us to renew our love and devotion to Him. Keep Kaitlyn in your prayers. May the Lord bless her abundantly on her special day, and may our whole parish grow in faith, gratitude, and love for Jesus Christ truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist.

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION – CORPUS CHRISTI on **Sunday 7 June 2026 at 2pm Sacred Heart & St. Patrick Sowerby Bridge**. This deeply cherished tradition is a public witness of our Catholic faith in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Order of the Celebration:

- Opening Hymn and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church
- Procession with the Blessed Sacrament through the church grounds, accompanied by hymns and prayers
- Final Benediction and concluding hymn inside the church

Following the procession, refreshments will be served in the church hall a chance for us to gather in fellowship and celebration. The whole deanery is warmly invited to attend this sacred occasion. All 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

FLOWER FUND ROTA 2026 | 31 May – Sheila Pickles |

7th June – Katie Binns | 14th June – Rita Alston | 21st June – Mary Livesey |

28th June – vacant | 5th July – Gerry Smith | 12th July – vacant

19th July – Nick Burchnall | 26th July – Alex Stansfield