

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 5th July 2026 + FOURTEENTH SUNDAY

Sunday 05 July	9.30 am	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY	Missa pro populo
Monday 06 July		St Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr	
Tuesday 07 July		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday 08 July	12noon	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Nov Dead List 2025/26
Thursday 09 July		Ss Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	
Friday 10 July		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday 11 July	10.00am	ST BENEDICT, ABBOT AND PATRON OF EUROPE	Emily Power [A] (d1916)
Sunday 12 July	09.30am	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY	Alison Marsh [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 15 July

PARISH NEWSLETTER 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

28/06/2026 Week 13 Total £259.73 | WK12 CO £0.09 |

BANKED – 29 June 2026 - £255 | WK13 CO £4.82 Thank you for your support.

Collection Day for Life £123.60.

Collection for Peter's Pence **£146.95 many thanks**

NEXT SUNDAY: Collection for Stella Maris (The Apostleship of the Sea)

FOOTSTEPS after Mass this Sunday - All children welcome (NB No footsteps in August)

FINANCIAL 2025/26 I am pleased to report that Bishop Marcus signed the Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2026 shortly before travelling to Lourdes this week (Friday 03 July). The diocesan finance department thanks all parishes for their cooperation throughout the process, particularly for using the new online submission system. As part of the audit, five parishes were selected for visits, and special thanks are extended to all involved at:

- Parish of Mary Mother of God, Bradford

- Parish of Jeanne Jugan, Leeds
- St Wilfrid's, Ripon
- St Ignatius, Ossett
- Our Lady Immaculate, Pateley Bridge

Future quarter-end submission dates are:

Quarter	Quarter End Submission Date
Quarter 1	31 July 2026
Quarter 2	30 October 2026
Quarter 3	29 January 2027
Year End	30 April 2027

SEPTEMBER PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA There are places available on the St Mary's Parish, Halifax pilgrimage to Malta this September, In the Footsteps of St Paul. 21st – 24th September flying from Manchester Airport. We will visit St. Paul's Grotto, St John's Co-Cathedral, the Ta' Pinu Basilica and the church of St Paul's shipwreck. For more information, please email office.stmary.halifax@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or call Tangney Tours and ask to speak to Rae on: 01732886666

FOUNTAINS ABBEY MASS The Fountains Abbey Chaplaincy warmly invites everyone to attend the Mass for the Feast of Saint Benedict at Fountains Abbey on Tuesday, 14 July 2026 at 12:00 noon. The Mass will be celebrated by Rev Fr Stephen Webb, Parish Priest of St Joseph's, Batley Carr. Fountains Abbey has been a place of Christian worship for almost 900 years, and this tradition continues today through the work of the ecumenical Chaplaincy team, made up of ministers and lay readers from local churches working alongside National Trust volunteers. Entry is via the Visitor Centre, where ample parking is available, and a shuttle bus will operate for those who may find the walk difficult. Disabled access and parking are available via the West Gate, with special arrangements possible for wheelchair users. Admission to the Abbey is free for National Trust members, and the National Trust has kindly agreed to waive normal admission charges for all those attending the Mass. All welcome. More details at <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/yorkshire/fountains-abbey-and-studley-royal-water-garden/events>

FLOWER FUND ROTA 2026 | 5 July – Gerry Smith |
12 July – vacant | 19 July – Nick Burchnall | 26 July – Alex Stansfield

SACRED HEART School Places please contact the school if you would like an appointment with the headteacher contact the school office on 01422 831360

CATHOLIC HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT THIS SUMMER During August and September, Castlerigg Manor in Keswick is opening its doors to families, groups of friends, or private individuals who are looking for an affordable stay in the Lake District. Breakfast and evening meal are provided, and Mass is celebrated on site. For more information check out castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711

QUIET RETREATS FOR ADULTS THIS OCTOBER During October half term, Castlerigg Manor is running a quiet retreat for individual adults who want to spend a few days of peace, relaxation and prayer in the Lake District. Each day there will be a talk, Mass, and evening prayer, and then a lot of time to explore the area, pray, or just simply relax.

Book at castleriggmanor.com/events or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL As you may have learned from news reports, the MP for Rochester and Strood, Lauren Edwards, has announced that she intends to use her number two slot in the Private Members' Bill ballot to bring back Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill. It is important that all those who are opposed to the introduction of this legislation contact their local MP and ask that the Bill not be revived. As well as opposing the reintroduction of this Bill, it is important too to advocate support for the greater provision of palliative care. More information <https://livinganddyingwell.org.uk/> and <https://righttolife.org.uk/>.

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.

MARYVALE INSTITUTE launches two new online Scripture courses this September, in partnership with the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan:

Biblical Course: Old Testament — Covenant Year

<https://www.maryvale.ac.uk/old-testament.html>

Biblical Course: New Testament — Encounter Year

<https://www.maryvale.ac.uk/new-testament.html>

Both courses run online for a full academic year, with no prior study required. Enrolment is open now. Contact Dr Agata Mleczko Programme Director for Further Education Maryvale Institute fe@maryvale.ac.uk

WEBELIEVE FESTIVAL OF CATHOLIC LIFE: 24-27 July 2026, an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to grow in authentic community, and to encounter the transforming love of God, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's College, Oscott. Tickets and more information available now at: www.webeliefestival.com

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 CARE GARDEN PARTY Sunday 19 July, 12.30pm, Catholic Care Head Office. Enjoy live music from Voices of Yorkshire, BBQ, games, raffles, cakes, clothes and book sale, henna and more. Free entry; proceeds support Catholic Care's local work.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS SUMMER PROGRAMME A Free Guided Tour will take place on the following Saturdays during the spring and summer months: 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.

CONCERT AT ST BERNARD'S CHURCH HALIFAX Saturday 11 July at 7.30

The Orion Choir- My spirit sang all day. Music chosen by the choir, followed by refreshments in the church hall. Entrance is by donation to choir and church funds. All welcome.

VACANCIES

Diocese of Leeds Job Vacancy The Finance Department of the Diocese of Leeds is looking to recruit a Diocese Finance Coordinator. Strong Excel skills and an openness to working with volunteers is essential. Please visit www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies/ for details.

Catholic Care Recruitment Support Workers required- Full and Part time hours available for our services in Leeds, Bradford and Life Skill Mentors required in Dewsbury Please see our website for details www.catholic-care.org.uk/jobs

CONFERENCE AND EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR Hinsley Hall are seeking to recruit a Conference and Events Coordinator to manage and respond to incoming enquiries for conferences, events, and group bookings. Convert enquiries into confirmed contracted business. Coordinate all confirmed bookings and hand them over to the operations team. Provide occasional reception cover during busy periods. Part-time 20hrs per week involving some evenings/weekends. Further details at www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk or register your interest at recruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. Closing date Friday 10 July.