

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 19th + SIXTEENTH SUNDAY

Sunday 26 July	9.30 am	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY	Missa pro populo
Monday 27 July		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday 28 July		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday 29 July	NO MASS TODAY		
Thursday 30 July		St Peter Chrysologus	
Friday 31 July		St Ignatius of Loyola	
Saturday 01 August	10.00am	ST JAMES, APOSTLE	Yorkshire Brethren 2026
Sunday 02 August	9.30am	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY	Frances Marie Penman [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 29 July, 5 & 12 August

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

19/07/2026 Week 16 Total £94.12 | WK15 CO £3.13 |

BANKED – 20 July 2026 - £95.00 | WK16 CO £2.25 Thank you for your support.

FLOWER FUND ROTA 2026 26 July – Alex Stansfield | 2 August – Barbara Bottomley | 9 August – Edna Harwood | 16 August – Liz McLaughlin | 23 August – Patricia Harrington | 30 August – Liv Redmond | 6 September – vacant

NEWS FROM THE ORCHARD. It looks as if we'll have a good crop of fruit this year. The summer pruning is still in progress: it's often good to prune in stages. Although it's been very dry the fruit is developing well so we can take it that the roots are deep enough to tap the water under our feet. Generally speaking, a tree's root system mirrors the growth that can be seen above ground, so we can get a fair idea of how far down the roots go. The trees are now twelve years old; they went in as maidens (one year-olds) in November 2015. I've given up regretting that they didn't get more cossetting when they were planted. If they'd had life easier from the start, they wouldn't have bothered to grow such long roots. Peggy Thomas

LEEDS CATHEDRAL – AUGUST TIMETABLE The Cathedral will be closed on weekdays throughout August while essential lighting works take place. In Cathedral Hall, Monday to Wednesday: access from 11.30am, Rosary at 12 noon and Mass at 12.30pm; Thursday and Friday: access from 10.00am, Rosary at 10.30am and Mass at 11.00am. Friday Mass will also be celebrated in the Cathedral at 5.30pm, with access from 5.00pm and Evening Prayer at 5.10pm. Weekend Masses continue at the usual times. There will be no weekday Confessions.

INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED RETREAT – 4–13 AUGUST A few places remain for the retreat at The Briery, with a six-day option ending on 11 August. For information and bookings, telephone 01943 607287 or email admin@briery.org.uk.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOUR – SATURDAY 8 AUGUST, 1.30PM The free tour lasts approximately one hour. No booking is required; please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

MAKING WISER CHOICES – WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER, 10.00AM–4.00PM A day of reflection at The Briery led by the writer Margaret Silf. Requested offering £50 per person, including lunch and refreshments. To book, telephone 01943 607287 or email admin@briery.org.uk.

SEPTEMBER PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA – 21–24 SEPTEMBER Places remain on St Mary's Parish, Halifax pilgrimage, In the Footsteps of St Paul, flying from Manchester. Visits include St Paul's Grotto, St John's Co-Cathedral, the Ta' Pinu Basilica and the Church of St Paul's Shipwreck. Email office.stmary.halifax@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or telephone Tangney Tours on 01732 886666 and ask for Rae.

ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC FESTIVAL 2026 – 10–11 OCTOBER This year the festival turns to London for two days, including Mass in Southwark Cathedral, a keynote address, a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and an all-night vigil in Westminster Cathedral. Further details will follow.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL PLACES To arrange an appointment with the headteacher concerning school places, please contact the school office on 01422 831360.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM UNITED NATIONS PETITION Aid to the Church in Need has launched a global petition calling upon governments and the United Nations to defend freedom of religion and hold those responsible for persecution to account. Please support this witness of solidarity with the persecuted Church through Aid to the Church in Need.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS – PASTORAL RESOURCES The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has prepared resources to support the study of Pope Leo XIV's recent Encyclical. They are available at humandevelopment.va.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 The Diocese of Leeds Youth Service is offering a pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea, as part of a Northern Diocesan Partnership. For information and applications, email youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

ONLINE GOSPEL MEDITATIONS The Briery Retreat Team offers fortnightly guided meditations on Zoom, with time for reflection and sharing, on Thursdays from 7.30pm to 8.15pm. The room opens at 7.15pm. To receive the link, email admin@briery.org.uk.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT If your marriage is in a rut or facing more serious difficulties, Retrouvaille may be able to help. Visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk or telephone 07973 380443.

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 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 017687 72711

FOOD BANK Electricity and Gas bills may have temporarily reduced but they have not gone away. Food inflation continues to slowly increase putting more vulnerable people and families at risk. School holidays are upon us for several weeks. There are no breakfast clubs and no free meals to sustain many growing children. By necessity parents and carers often fall back on cheap ready-made foods high in saturated fat, salt and sugar as, food that takes more than 10 minutes to cook costs more. Food banks need healthy cereals, protein rich foods such as pulses, canned meats and fish. Tinned vegetables are always needed in preference to high carbohydrates like sugary treats, rice and snacks. Hygiene and household products remain in demand, such as toothpaste, soap and personal hygiene. Please help if you can. As little as one item a week left at church makes a difference to someone. Thank you.

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