

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 2nd + EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 02 Aug	9.30 am	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY	Frances Marie Penman [LD]
Monday 03 Aug		St Oswald, Martyr	
Tuesday 04 Aug		St John Vianney	
Wednesday 05 Aug	NO MASS TODAY	The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major	
Thursday 06 Aug		THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	
FRIDAY 07 Aug		Ss Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs	
Saturday 08 Aug	10.00am	St Dominic, Priest	Private Intention
Sunday 09 Aug	9.30am	NINETEENTH SUNDAY	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

NB - NO MASS WEDNESDAY 5, 12 & 19 August

PARISH NEWSLETTER Submit notices (by Wednesday 8pm) - by email at
pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

PARISH OFFERING If you wish to set up a standing order:

Good Shepherd - Sort Code 40-27-15 - Account No. 21023209

26/07/2026 Week 17 Total £116.45 | WK16 CO £2.25 |

BANKED – 27 July 2026 - £115.00 | WK17 CO £3.70 Thank you for your support.

RITA SPENCER FUNERAL SERVICE will take place on **Tuesday 18 August 2026** at 12.00 noon
at The Good Shepherd, followed by committal at Park Wood at 1.30 p.m.

SVP SUMMER RAFFLE Members of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be selling tickets for
the SVP National Summer Raffle after Mass on **Sunday 9 August**. The proceeds will support
the work of the Society in this country and internationally. Tickets cost **£1 each** or **£5 per
book**. Prizes include **£5,000, £1,000, and fifteen prizes of £100**. Thank you for your
generous support.

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

NO FOOTSTEPS in August - See you all back in September

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. 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.

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 Book at 017687 72711

FOOD BANK Energy bills may have eased, but they remain a burden. Food inflation is still rising, putting vulnerable people and families at risk. With school holidays here, many children lose access to breakfast clubs and free meals, so families often rely on cheap, quick foods high in fat, salt and sugar. Food banks need healthy cereals, protein-rich foods such as pulses, canned meat and fish, and tinned vegetables rather than sugary treats, rice and snacks. Hygiene and household items, including toothpaste, soap and personal hygiene products, are also needed. Please help if you can: even one item a week left at church makes a difference. Thank you.

ABOUT SAFE SPACES Safe Spaces is a free, independent support service that provides a confidential, non-judgemental, and trauma-informed space for anyone who has

experienced abuse by someone within the Church, or as a result of their relationship with the Church of England, the Church in Wales, or the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

Our aim is to offer compassionate support, helping them access the care and assistance that is right for them. Safe Spaces is funded by the Church of England, the Church in Wales, and the Catholic Church in England and Wales. To learn more about Safe Spaces, visit: <https://safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/>