

# The Good Shepherd

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## Sunday 9th + NINETEENTH SUNDAY

| Sunday<br>09 Aug    | 9.30 am                  | NINETEENTH SUNDAY                                    | Missa pro populo            |
|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Monday<br>10 Aug    |                          | ST LAWRENCE, DEACON AND<br>MARTYR                    |                             |
| Tuesday<br>11 Aug   |                          | St Clare, Virgin                                     |                             |
| Wednesday<br>12 Aug | <b>NO MASS<br/>TODAY</b> | St Jane Frances de Chantal,<br>Religious             |                             |
| Thursday<br>13 Aug  |                          | Ss Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus,<br>Priest, Martyrs |                             |
| FRIDAY<br>14 Aug    |                          | St Maximilian Kolbe,<br>Priest and Martyr            |                             |
| Saturday<br>15 Aug  | 10.00am                  | Saturday Mass of Our Lady                            | Personal (i)                |
| Sunday<br>16 Aug    | 9.30am                   | THE ASSUMPTION OF THE<br>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY         | Elio and Maria Manfredi [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**

**NB - NO MASS WEDNESDAY 12 & 19 August**

**PARISH NEWSLETTER** Submit notices by Wednesday 8pm - by email at  
[pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto: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

**02/08/2026 Week 18** Total £79.10 | WK17 CO £3.70 |

**BANKED – 03 Aug 2026 - £80.00 | WK1 CO £2.80** 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.

**NEW ARRANGEMENTS** From Saturday 02 August, Fr Hilton (Parish Priest of St Mary's  
Halifax) has taken his appointment as Parochial Administrator of St Bernard's and St  
Theresa's. As a result, Saturday 02 August saw the first Vigil Mass at St Bernard's at 5.00pm.  
If this Mass time is convenient for you, Fr Hilton would be delighted to welcome you there.  
From now on Mgr. McQuinn, Parish Priest of St Columba's and St Malachy's, will alternate

with Fr Hilton between celebrating the Saturday Vigil Mass at St Bernard's and the Sunday evening Mass at St Alban's

**FLOWER FUND ROTA 2026** 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 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

**MARCH FOR LIFE, LONDON:** Saturday 5 September. A coach will leave Harrogate at 5am and pick up at St Winefride's Bradford (BD61ST), where there is plentiful parking, at 6am. Mass will be celebrated at 5.30am at St Winefride's for anybody who is available! We will also pick people up in Sheffield en route. The coach will leave Parliament Square (SW1P 3JX) at 6pm and return via Sheffield, Bradford and Harrogate. Return fare: £40. To book: [office.mary.motherofgod@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:office.mary.motherofgod@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)/ 01274 677992

**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](mailto: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](http://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

**JOIN THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION** Whether you are a doctor, nurse, student, or allied professional — if you are a Catholic in healthcare, join us to grow in fellowship, prayer and formation together. For more information & upcoming events, visit: <https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk>.

**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/>

## **VACANCIES**

**BISHOP MARCUS AND THE DIOCESAN TRUSTEES** are still seeking volunteers as independent members to join a newly established Audit and Risk Committee. The commitment is four meetings a year. This would be a two-to-three-year commitment as discussions and consultations about bringing together the Dioceses of Leeds, Middlesbrough and Hallam progress; and would be of great value in a process of unification. We are seeking those who have skills or experience in the areas of Audit, Risk, Finance and Governance. For further information please contact Carla Stockton-Jones, Trustee: [carla.stockton-jones@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:carla.stockton-jones@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**CATHOLIC CARE RECRUITMENT** Community Development Worker, Huddersfield, £28,193 pro rata, 6 hours per week, closing date 21 August. Support Workers, Leeds, Full & Part time, Salary: £26,045 per annum pro rata, also temporary position (3 month Initially) 30 Hours per week. Care Bank Residential Childcare Workers for our children's residential home in Wakefield or Keighley. Applicants must have a current/valid UK driving licence, £15.07/Hr inclusive. Please send CV to [recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk) or download application form from website.