

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 16th + THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Sunday 16 Aug	9.30 am	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Elio and Maria Manfredi [A]
Monday 17 Aug		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday 18 Aug	12noon	RITA SPENCER FUNERAL SERVICE	-
Wednesday 19 Aug	NO MASS TODAY	St John Eudes, Priest	
Thursday 20 Aug		St Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	
FRIDAY 21 Aug		St Pius X, Pope	
Saturday 22 Aug	10.00am	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Emily Power [A] (1916)
Sunday 23 Aug	9.30am	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Diana Almond & Frank Almond [A]

**Sunday Mass Times - Sacred Heart & St. Patrick Sowerby Bridge | Saturday 5.30pm | Sunday 11am
St Mary's Halifax | Sunday 9-30am & 11am & St Alban's - 6pm**

NB - NO MASS WEDNESDAY 19 & 26 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

09/08/2026 Week 19 Total £79.80 | WK18 CO £2.80 |

BANKED – 10 Aug 2026 - £82.00 | WK19 CO £0.60 Thank you for your support.

RITA SPENCER FUNERAL SERVICE – TUESDAY 18 AUGUST, 12 NOON The service will take place at The Good Shepherd, followed by committal at Park Wood at 1.30pm.

FLOWER FUND ROTA 2026 16 August – Liz McLaughlin | 23 August – Patricia Harrington | 30 August – Liv Redmond | 6 September – vacant

LEEDS CATHEDRAL – AUGUST TIMETABLE The Cathedral is closed on weekdays throughout August while essential lighting works are undertaken. 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 are no weekday Confessions during the works.

CATHOLIC HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT – AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER Castlerigg Manor in Keswick is welcoming families, groups of friends and individuals seeking an affordable stay. Breakfast and evening meal are provided, and Mass is celebrated on site. Further information: castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us or 017687 72711.

THE ORATORY OF ST JOSEPH MEN'S GROUP – THURSDAY 27 AUGUST, 6.30PM The diocesan group for men aged 21–35 meets at Hinsley Hall, Leeds LS6 2BX, for prayer, Benediction and social time. Fr Stephen Brown will speak on the importance of sacrifice. Enquiries: oratory.stjoseph@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

ST ALBAN'S TUESDAY EVENING LATIN MASS – FROM THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER The 7.00pm Tuesday Mass will be celebrated in Latin each week. Simple response cards will be available to help everyone follow and participate. This is the current Roman Rite celebrated in Latin, not the 1962 Missal.

SOWERBY BRIDGE RUSHBEARING FESTIVAL – SATURDAY 5 AND SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER This year marks the fiftieth Rushbearing celebration since its modern revival. The custom recalls the days when church floors were covered with fresh rushes for warmth and cleanliness, a practical act that grew into a joyful procession of music, dancing and the decorated Rushcart. The Rushcart will arrive at Sacred Heart & St Patrick's and the Shepherd's Rest Inn at approximately 12.55pm on Saturday 5 September and depart at 1.30pm. Parishioners, families and friends are invited to gather from 12 noon.

MARCH FOR LIFE, LONDON – SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER A coach will leave Harrogate at 5.00am and collect passengers at St Winefride's, Bradford BD6 1ST, at 6.00am, following Mass there at 5.30am. A Sheffield pick-up is also available. The coach will leave Parliament Square at 6.00pm. Return fare: £40. To book, email office.marymotherofgod@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or telephone 01274 677992.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS – BEGINS TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM At The Assumption Church Hall, Spen Lane, Leeds LS16 5BF. All are welcome. Session dates and the sign-up form are available in the bulletin at ourladyofkirkstall.org.uk/bulletins/.

OPPOSING ASSISTED SUICIDE – BEFORE FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is returning to the House of Commons. MPs are due to vote on Friday 11 September. Please consider contacting your MP and asking them to oppose the Bill. Guidance is available at cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/.

LEEDS WALSINGHAM WAY – SATURDAY 12 AND SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER A new joint diocesan Camino for the Year of St Francis of Assisi. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at Leeds Cathedral at 8.00am on Saturday, followed by the walk to Wakefield. Mass will be celebrated at St Austin's, Wakefield, at 8.00am on Sunday, followed by the walk into Hallam Diocese. Day pilgrims are welcome. Information and registration: dioceseofleeds.org.uk/day-pilgrims-invited-to-join-new-diocesan-walking-pilgrimage/.

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.

QUIET RETREATS FOR ADULTS – OCTOBER HALF-TERM Castlerigg Manor is offering a quiet retreat for individual adults seeking a few days of peace, prayer and rest in the Lake District. To enquire or book, telephone 017687 72711.

CURRENT HALIFAX MASS ARRANGEMENTS Fr Joshua Hilton, Parish Priest of St Mary's, is now Parochial Administrator of St Bernard's and St Theresa's. The Saturday Vigil Mass at St Bernard's is celebrated at 5.00pm. Mgr Michael McQuinn and Fr Hilton alternate between this Mass and the Sunday evening Mass at St Alban's.

JOIN BISHOP MARCUS IN PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS **Our Lady of Unfailing Help!** Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send labourers into His harvest and grant an abundance of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life within the Diocese of Leeds and throughout the world. Amen.

NEWS FROM THE ORCHARD The trees promise a good crop this year. Summer pruning continues in stages, and despite the dry weather the fruit is developing well, a sign of roots reaching deep water. Planted as one-year-old maidens in November 2015, the trees remind us that early hardship can produce strong and lasting roots. Peggy Thomas.

FOOD BANK Thank you for the generous response during the school holidays. Donations are still needed, especially low-sugar cereals, tinned tuna, canned meats, pulses, vegetables and other less processed foods. Soap, toothpaste, bleach and children's sun cream are also welcome. Adding one good-value item to a weekly shop can make a real difference.

JOIN THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION Catholic doctors, nurses, students and allied healthcare professionals are invited to grow together in fellowship, prayer and formation. Information and forthcoming events: catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT Whether a 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.

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

ABOUT SAFE SPACES Safe Spaces is a free and independent service offering confidential, non-judgemental and trauma-informed support to anyone who has experienced abuse within the Church or through their relationship with the Church. Further information: safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk.

JOB AND VOLUNTEER VACANCIES

DIOCESAN AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE – INDEPENDENT MEMBERS Bishop Marcus and the Diocesan Trustees are seeking volunteers with experience in audit, risk, finance or governance. The commitment is four meetings annually for two to three years, during the continuing discussions concerning the Dioceses of Leeds, Middlesbrough and Hallam. Contact carla.stockton-jones@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or andrew.summersgill@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

CATHOLIC CARE RECRUITMENT Full-time, part-time and temporary Adult Learning Disability Support Worker posts are available in Leeds, Skipton, Bradford and Todmorden, together with a Waking Nights Support Worker post in Sutton-in-Craven. Salary: £26,045 pro rata. A Community Development Worker is required in Huddersfield, salary £28,193 pro rata for six hours per week. Care Bank Residential Childcare Workers are also required in Keighley and Wakefield at £15.07 per hour inclusive. For details and an application form, email recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk.