

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 23rd + TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 23 Aug	9.30 am	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Diana Almond & Frank Almond [A]
Monday 24 Aug		ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE FEAST	
Tuesday 25 Aug		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday 26 Aug	NO MASS TODAY	Bl Dominic of the Mother of God	-
Thursday 27 Aug		St Monica	
FRIDAY 28 Aug		St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	
Saturday 29 Aug	10.00am	The Passion of St John the Baptist	Private Intention i
Sunday 30 Aug	9.30am	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Kath Smith [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 26 & 31 August & 02 September

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

16/08/2026 Week 20 Total £117.40 | WK19 CO £0.60 |

BANKED – 17 Aug 2026 - £115.00 | WK20 CO £3.00 Thank you for your support.

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

13th September – Doris Moorhead

20th September – Leo Mclusky

27th September – Mary Harwood

MAYOR'S HALF MARATHON Steve Woodhead is raising funds for Calder Valley Search and Rescue by running the Great North Run. You may add your name to the sponsor form in church or donate at givewheel.com/fundraising/20412/mayors-half-marathon. Thank you for your support.

NEWS FROM THE ORCHARD News from the orchard. Many people have contributed to making the orchard the success that is. The response to my occasional pleas for help has always been good, but has the time come to share the work in a more systematic

way? Suppose one person were to take responsibility for one tree only. This would take about 1-2 hours a quarter. It would include mostly weeding, mulching and cutting back the grass which is always ready to encroach on the circles that surround each tree. People could do their bit whenever it suited them without having to coordinate with others. Of course, there would also be the bonus of a share in the fruit. Let Peggy know if you're interested. 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.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL - AUGUST TIMETABLE The Cathedral is closed on weekdays during August while essential lighting works are undertaken. Monday-Wednesday: Cathedral Hall opens at 11.30am, Rosary at 12 noon and Mass at 12.30pm. Thursday-Friday: Hall opens at 10.00am, Rosary at 10.30am and Mass at 11.00am. Friday Mass is also celebrated in the Cathedral at 5.30pm. Weekend Masses remain at the usual times; there are no weekday confessions.

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

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. This is the current Roman Rite celebrated in Latin, not the 1962 Missal.

CALLED & GIFTED - FROM WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER A discernment of gifts course begins at 7.30pm in the Assumption Church Hall, Spen Lane, Leeds LS16 5BF. Session dates and registration are available in the parish bulletin at ourladyofkirkstall.org.uk/bulletins/.

GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY CARERS PROJECT - WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER The online support group for unpaid carers will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 2.00pm and 7.30pm. To register, email carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk.

MARCH FOR LIFE, LONDON - SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER A coach will leave Harrogate at 5.00am and collect at St Winefride's, Bradford BD6 1ST, at 6.00am; Mass there is at 5.30am. The coach will also collect in Sheffield and leave the Emmanuel Centre, London SW1P 3DW, at 6.00pm. Return fare: £40. Book through office.marymotherofgod@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or 01274 677992. Information: marchforlife.co.uk.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS - FROM TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER The seminars begin at 7.30pm in the Assumption Church Hall, Spen Lane, Leeds LS16 5BF. All are welcome. Session dates and registration: ourladyofkirkstall.org.uk/bulletins/.

OPPOSING ASSISTED SUICIDE - BEFORE FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill returns to the House of Commons, with MPs due to vote on Friday 11 September. Please consider asking your MP to oppose the Bill. Guidance: cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/.

LEEDS WALSINGHAM WAY - SATURDAY 12 AND SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER This new joint diocesan Camino begins with Mass at Leeds Cathedral at 8.00am on Saturday, followed by the walk to Wakefield. Mass at St Austin's, Wakefield, is 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/.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS - WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER Pope Leo, Artificial Intelligence and the Choices We Can Make, 7.00-8.00pm, SS John Fisher & Thomas More Parish Hall, Bradford Road, Burley in Wharfedale LS29 7PX. Fr Mark Jarmuz will explain Pope Leo's teaching and its importance for personal and social choices. Book by emailing mark.jarmuz@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

PERGOLESİ'S STABAT MATER - THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER At 7.00pm in Leeds Cathedral, the Cathedral Senior Girls Choir will sing Pergolesi's **Stabat Mater** and music by Charpentier, Monteverdi and Vivaldi, with players from Baroque in the North. Admission is free; suggested donation £10.

ST GEMMA'S HOSPICE SUNSET WALK - SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER The walk begins at Roundhay Park, proceeds along Street Lane to the Hospice for reflection, and returns to the Park. Tickets: £20 adults and £12.50 children. Information and booking: st-gemma.co.uk/events/sunset-walk.

DIOCESAN SEASON OF CREATION EVENT - SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER SPARK Social Justice and the Justice and Peace Commission will screen **The People's Emergency Briefing** at Hinsley Hall, Headingley, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm, followed by discussion of local solutions. Information and booking: sparksocialjustice.org.uk.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - 23 SEPTEMBER TO 1 NOVEMBER Prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil from 7.00am to 7.00pm, more than 150 metres from the MSI facility, at the junction of Chapeltown Road and Barrack Road, Leeds LS7 4AW, in accordance with buffer-zone law. Contact Chris Redding on 07815 681343 or 40daysforlifeleeds@gmail.com. Information: 40daysforlife.com/leeds.

ANNUAL LEEDS AND MIDDLESBROUGH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER Angelus and Mass at 12 noon; solemn procession into Walsingham village at 2.30pm; Vespers and Benediction in the Ancient Shrine grounds at approximately 3.30pm. Please bring a picnic.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL CHOIR AND THE SIXTEEN - SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER At 3.00pm in Leeds Cathedral, the Cathedral Choir performs with members of The Sixteen and Genesis Sixteen, conducted by Harry Christophers. Admission is free; suggested donation £10.

QUIET RETREATS FOR ADULTS - OCTOBER HALF-TERM Castlerigg Manor offers quiet retreats for individual adults seeking peace, prayer and rest in the Lake District. To enquire or book, telephone 017687 72711.

ANNUAL BATLEY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION - MONDAY 5 OCTOBER The procession begins at 7.30pm from St Mary's Catholic Primary School and proceeds to St Mary of the Angels' Church. It is a public expression of Catholic faith honouring Mary, Mother of God. Refreshments afterwards.

ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC FESTIVAL - SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER The London festival includes Mass in Southwark Cathedral, a keynote address, a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and an all-night vigil in Westminster Cathedral. Timetable and art competition details: cbcew.org.uk/adoremus-2026/.

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.

THE ORATORY OF ST JOSEPH Catholic men aged 21-35 are invited to grow in faith, fellowship and formation. Meetings are on the last Thursday of each month at Hinsley Hall, 6.30pm. Information: oratory.stjoseph@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

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 stand in solidarity with the persecuted Church.

THE LATIN MASS SOCIETY The Society supports the traditional Latin liturgy, its sacred music and the Latin language. Supporter registration and membership information: lms.org.uk/join-now.

JOIN THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION Catholic doctors, nurses, students and allied healthcare professionals are invited to grow together in fellowship, prayer and formation. Information: 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; the room opens at 7.15pm. To receive the link, email admin@briery.org.uk.

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE - VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT Bishop Marcus and the Diocesan Trustees seek independent members with experience in audit, risk, finance or governance. The commitment is four meetings annually for two to three years. Contact carla.stockton-jones@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or andrew.summersgill@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

CATHOLIC CARE RECRUITMENT Vacancies include Registered Manager for a children's home in Keighley, full-time, salary £48,031-£52,282; Care Bank Residential Childcare Workers at £15.07 per hour; and Support Workers for adult learning disability services in Leeds, salary £26,045 pro rata. Email a CV to recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk.

ABOUT SAFE SPACES Safe Spaces is a free, 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. Information: safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk.