

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 30th + TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 30 Aug	9.30 am	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Kath Smith [A]
Monday 31 Aug		St Aidan, Bishop and the Saints of Lindisfarne	
Tuesday 01 September		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday 02 Sept	NO MASS TODAY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	-
Thursday 03 Sept		ST GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	
FRIDAY 04 Sept		St Cuthbert, Bishop	
Saturday 05 Sept	10.00am	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	Private Intention i
Sunday 06 Sept	9.30am	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY	Kathleen Walker [LD]

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 2 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

23/08/2026 Week 21 Total £112.50 | WK20 CO £3.00 |

BANKED – 24 Aug 2026 - £115.00 | WK21 CO £0.50 Thank you for your support.

FLOWER FUND ROTA 2026 30 August – Liv Redmond | 6 September – vacant |

13 September – Doris Moorhead | 20 September – Leo Mclusky

27 September – Mary Harwood

THE GOOD SHEPHERD LUNCHEON CLUB The weekly Good Shepherd Luncheon Club resumes on **Wednesday 9 September** at 12.30pm. We look forward to welcoming our guests back after our summer break.

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 Many people have contributed to making the orchard the success that it is. The response to occasional pleas for help has always been good, but has the time come to share the work more systematically? One person might take responsibility for one tree, requiring about one or two hours each quarter for weeding, mulching and cutting back encroaching grass. The work could be done whenever convenient, with the bonus of a share in the fruit. Please let Peggy Thomas know if you are interested.

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.

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.

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. Those caring for a friend, neighbour or family member are welcome. To register, email carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk.

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: <https://www.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, registration and support: www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/day-pilgrims-invited-to-join-new-diocesan-walking-pilgrimage/.

EDUCATION SUNDAY - SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER The Diocese is recruiting new Foundation Governors for its schools, whose role is to ensure that they are, in the words of Bishop Marcus, 'beacons of God's good news in our communities.' To explore this possibility, contact the Vicariate for Education: education@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or 0113 260 8040.

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.

PERGOLES' 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.

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: www.sparksocialjustice.org.uk.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT - FROM SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER Mass attendance will be counted over the weekends of 19/20 and 26/27 September and 3/4 and 10/11 October. This timetable avoids the school half-term holiday.

ANNUAL 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.

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. Fifty places are available. Those able to arrange their own transport should email formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk before 18 September. The event is free, but admission is by ticket only. Details: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/adoremus-2026/>.

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.

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: <https://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.