

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 6th + TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 06 Sept	9.30 am	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY	Kathleen Walker [LD]
Monday 07 Sept		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday 08 Sept		THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY FEAST	
Wednesday 09 Sept	12NOON	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Natalie Gray
Thursday 10 Sept		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
FRIDAY 11 Sept		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday 12 Sept	NO MASS TODAY	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	
Sunday 13 Sept	9.30am	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY EDUCATION SUNDAY	Missa pro populo

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 SATURDAY 12 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

30/08/2026 Week 22 Total £117.35 | WK21 CO £0.50 |

BANKED – 01.09.2026 - £115.00 | WK22 CO £2.85 Thank you for your support.

NEXT SUNDAY: Collection for the Catholic Education Service

FLOWER FUND ROTA 2026 13 September – Doris Moorhead | 20 September – Leo Mclusky
27 September – Mary Harwood

FOOTSTEPS This Sunday, 6 September. See you all there.

GOOD SHEPHERD EVOLUTIONARY BOOKSHELF Peggy and Jean are wondering whether the
Good Shepherd community would enjoy a small, shared library of around 12 books. The

shelf would be “evolutionary”: books would be added on the strength of parishioners’ recommendations, while the least borrowed titles would make way for new ones. Suggestions are welcome from all ages. The books would be kept in a cupboard in the GS Lounge and brought out for about half an hour after Sunday Mass. One early idea is to name a ‘Book of the Month’. Please let Jean or Peggy know if you think this is worth trying. If there is enough interest, David has offered to make the shelf. Peggy Thomas and Jean Marsh.

THE PEOPLE’S EMERGENCY BRIEFING A public screening of *The People’s Emergency Briefing* will take place at **The Orange Box, Halifax**, on **Friday 25 September at 7.00pm**. Doors open at 6.30pm, and refreshments will be available. Presented by Chris Packham, this accessible, non-party-political film explains the dangers of climate and ecological breakdown and considers practical steps that can be taken in response. It explores the effects of the climate and nature emergency upon health, the economy, food security and wider society. The film is supported by Bishop John Arnold, CAFOD and numerous other Church leaders and charitable organisations. The screening lasts approximately 45 minutes and will be followed by friendly and supportive small-group discussions. The film is recommended for those aged **16 years and over**.

Venue: The Orange Box, 1 Blackledge, Halifax, HX1 1AF

Entrance: Westgate

Advance booking: bit.ly/peb_halifax

Further information is available from [The Tablet](#).

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. 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.

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.

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.

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/>.

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, accompanied by string 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.

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: www.40daysforlife.com/leeds.

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

ANNUAL BATLEY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION - MONDAY 5 OCTOBER For its 75th anniversary, the Parish of St Mary and St Patrick, Batley and Birstall, warmly invites you to join Bishop Marcus for the procession from St Mary's Catholic Primary School to St Mary of the Angels' Church at 7.30pm. Refreshments afterwards. Contact Fr Eamonn on 01924 474650 or eamonn.hegarty@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

"IT IS BEAUTIFUL TO BE OLD" - TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER Growing Old Grace-fully hosts Older People and Catholic Social Teaching from 10.00am to 1.30pm in Cathedral Hall, Leeds. Theologian Dr Peter Kevern will explore Catholic Social Teaching on the blessings of later life. To book, email growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

NEW BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF ARUNDEL AND BRIGHTON - MONDAY 19 OCTOBER On 2 July, Pope Leo XIV appointed Fr Stephen Wang as the sixth Bishop of Arundel and Brighton. Bishop-Elect Wang is Rector of the Venerable English College, Rome, and a priest of the Diocese of Westminster. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for his episcopal ordination in Arundel Cathedral.

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 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 If a marriage needs help or is in difficulties, Retrouvaille may be able to help. Visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk or telephone +44 797 338 0443.

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 Bishop Marcus and the Diocesan Trustees are seeking independent members for a newly established committee, meeting four times a year for a two-to-three-year commitment. Skills or experience in audit, risk, finance and governance are sought. Contact Mgr. Andrew Summersgill at andrew.summersgill@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

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.