

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 13th + TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 13 Sept	9.30 am	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY EDUCATION SUNDAY	Missa pro populo
Monday 14 Sept		THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS FEAST	
Tuesday 15 Sept		Our Lady of Sorrows	
Wednesday 16 Sept	12NOON	Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	-
Thursday 17 Sept		St Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	
FRIDAY 18 Sept		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday 19 Sept	10.00am	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	For Jeff & Marie
Sunday 20 Sept	9.30am	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY	Elio and Maria Manfredi [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

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

06/09/2026 Week 23 Total £57.10 | WK22 CO £2.85 |

BANKED – 07.09.2026 - £55.00 | WK23 CO £4.95 Thank you for your support.

TODAY: Collection for the Catholic Education Service

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

FUNERAL SERVICE for **Catherine Storey Holmes RIP** will be celebrated at **The Good Shepherd on Thursday 24 September at 1.15pm**, followed by **burial at St Michael's Churchyard, Mytholmroyd**. Remember Catherine and all who mourn her in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

NEXT SUNDAY Collection for Home Mission Sunday.

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.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD LUNCHEON CLUB The weekly Luncheon Club meets on Wednesdays at 12.30pm. We look forward to welcoming our guests.

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.

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.

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.

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.

MARY'S MEALS: FOOD, EDUCATION AND HOPE Mary's Meals provides nutritious meals at school for more than three million children in some of the world's poorest communities. These daily meals relieve hunger and encourage children to attend school, helping them to learn and build a brighter future. Just **£19.15 provides one child with a meal every school day for a whole school year**. If you wish to support this work you can donate directly. Every contribution, however small, is welcome. To learn more or donate, visit <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk>.

CUPERTINO GROUP MASSES - SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER The next Mass is at 3.00pm at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, West Gate, Wetherby LS22 6LL. These monthly Masses are for children with additional needs and disabilities, and their families. Contact Fr Frank on 07850 076926 or Rosie on 07891 951949.

LEEDS WALSINGHAM WAY - SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER Day pilgrims are invited to join the joint diocesan Camino towards Walsingham. Sunday Mass is at St Austin's, Wakefield, at 8.00am, followed by the walk into Hallam Diocese. Information, registration and support: www.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.

PERGOLESÌ'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, accompanied by string players from Baroque in the North. Admission is free; suggested donation £10.

ST GEMMA'S HOSPICE WALK LEEDS - SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER Walk from Roundhay Park along Street Lane to the Hospice for a moment of reflection, then return to the park for the finish. Tickets cost £20 for adults and £12.50 for children, including a T-shirt, medal and light-up item. Every step supports specialist care for families. Information and tickets: www.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. 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 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 grounds of the Ancient Shrine 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 will perform with members of The Sixteen and the Genesis Sixteen young artist programme, conducted by Harry Christophers. Admission is free; suggested donation £10.

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](#).

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. This public expression of Catholic faith honours Our Lady and unites us in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Friends from the Dioceses of Hallam and Middlesbrough are welcome. Refreshments afterwards. Contact Fr Eamonn on 01924 474650 or eamonn.hegarty@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

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. Details of the associated art competition are available at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/adoremus-2026/>. 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 booking is essential and admission is by ticket only.

"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.

CARITAS LEEDS DAY OF REFLECTION - SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER From 9.30am to 2.15pm at Hinsley Hall: a day of prayer and discussion to renew our call to serve society and put Catholic Social Teaching into action. Includes Caritas information sessions, scripture reflection and a hot lunch. Attendance is free. Book by 30 September: caritas.leeds@catholic-care.org.uk.

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.

FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL - DISCIPLESHIP DAYS 2026–2027 Join the Friars at St Patrick's Mission Church, Bradford, for "May the Lord Give You Peace". Dates: 7 November and 5 December 2026; 9 January, 6 February, 6 March, 3 April and 1 May 2027. Each day runs from 11.45am to 4.30pm and includes the Rosary, Holy Mass, a talk, Confessions and a Holy Hour with Eucharistic adoration. Lunch is provided.

CLEAVING TO CHRIST: PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE The Vicariate for Education will offer six in-person sessions for engaged couples between November 2026 and May 2027, from 10.15am to 12.30pm at St Winefride's Hall, Bradford BD6 1ST. Mass is available at St Winefride's Church at 9.30am. To book a place, costing £20 per couple, contact education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or 0113 261 8040.

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.

GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY CARERS PROJECT The online support group for unpaid carers meets 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.

DIOCESAN FAITH FORMATION EVENTS The Vicariate for Education offers a wide range of faith-development events during 2026/27 at Hinsley Hall and elsewhere in the Diocese, including lectures, accompanied study and formation for catechists. Information is available under "Faith Formation" at www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/cpd-2025.

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.