

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 20th + TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 20 Sept	9.30 am	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Elio and Maria Manfredi [A]
Monday 21 Sept		ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST FEAST	
Tuesday 22 Sept		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday 23 Sept	12NOON	Padre Pio (b. 1887 - d. 1968)	Kathleen Larkin [d. 2021]
Thursday 24 Sept	1.15PM	FUNERAL SERVICE	Catherine Storey Holmes RIP
FRIDAY 25 Sept		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday 26 Sept	10.00am	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	Missa pro populo
Sunday 27 Sept	9.30am	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY	For my Mother's health

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

13/09/2026 Week 24 Total £226.20 | WK23 CO £4.95 |

BANKED – 14.09.2026 - £231.00 | WK24 CO £0.15 Thank you for your support.

Collection for the Catholic Education Service £150.15 thank you

TODAY: Collection for Home Mission Sunday.

FLOWER FUND ROTA 2026 | 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.

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 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.

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.

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. The screening lasts 45 minutes and will be followed by small-group discussions. The film is recommended for aged 16+ yrs. 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 LEEDS 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. 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.

SPARK SOCIAL JUSTICE - TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER Join conversations on faith, hope and peace, reflecting on Theology in Gaza, with author John Munayer, 'The Cross and the Olive Tree', and Professor Esther McIntosh, Professor of Feminist Theology at York University. From 7.00pm to 9.00pm. To book: www.sparkssocialjustice.org.uk.

HANDMAIDS WOMEN'S GROUP - FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for Adoration, music, the Rosary, the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and refreshments, from 7.00pm to 8.30pm at Corpus Christi Church, Neville Road, Leeds. Further meetings: Fridays 6 November and 4 December.

THE LEEDS CATHOLIC VOICE - LAUNCHES 3/4 OCTOBER Our new free monthly diocesan newsletter launches on the weekend of 3/4 October. This is also the deadline for sending articles, photographs or ideas for the November edition to communications@rcdmidd.org.uk or communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. Further information: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/new-newspaper-for-the-diocese/>.

VENI EMMANUEL: ADVENT MUSIC FOR PARISH MUSICIANS - SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER Parish musicians, choir members and all involved in liturgical music are invited to Queen's Hall, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Leeds LS17 6LE, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Admission is free; suggested donation £5. Hosted by Diocese of Leeds Music and Faith Formation. Book through formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

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.

GROWING OLD GRACE-FULLY CARERS PROJECT - TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER An October series of devotions to Our Lady includes reflections and prayers for carers and loved ones. The Joyful Mysteries will be prayed in a live online session at 7.00pm. Recorded sessions covering the next three Mysteries of the Rosary will be released weekly during October on the Growing Old Grace-fully YouTube channel. For information or to attend, email Michelle at carersproject@growingoldgracefully.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.

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.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL INSTAGRAM HANGOUT - SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER Join a Cathedral tour created especially for Instagrammers, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Explore the history, architecture and design, access areas not usually open to the public and capture its beauty through photography. All are welcome. Tickets are free, but registration is essential: <https://bit.ly/4i9aEmV>.

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.

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>.

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.