

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 27th + TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 27 Sept	9.30 am	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY THE SEASON OF CREATION	For my Mother's health
Monday 28 Sept		St Wenceslaus, Martyr	
Tuesday 29 Sept		SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS FEAST	
Wednesday 30 Sept	12NOON	St Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Private (in)
Thursday 01 Oct		St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	
FRIDAY 02 Oct		The Holy Guardian Angels	
Saturday 03 Oct	10.00am	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	Jerry & Peggy O'Leary [A]
Sunday 04 Oct	9.30am	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Alice Redmond [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

20/09/2026 Week 25 Total £167.90 | WK24 CO £0.15 |

BANKED – 21.09.2026 - £165.00 | WK25 CO £3.05 Thank you for your support.

Collection for the Catholic Education Service £150.15 thanks

Collection for Home Mission Sunday £115.40 thanking you

FLOWER FUND ROTA 2026 | 27 September – Mary Harwood

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S DAY – SUNDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER

We look forward to celebrating Catholic Children's Day at the Good Shepherd, giving thanks for our children and the joy they bring to our parish family. We also hope to include a short drama inspired by one of their chosen hymns, at a suitable point of Holy Mass. A warm welcome awaits our children and their families as we celebrate their special place in the life of the Church.

FOOD BANK Thank you for the generous response. 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.

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

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. 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, conducted by Harry Christophers. Admission is free; suggested donation £10.

SPARK SOCIAL JUSTICE - TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER Join conversations on faith, hope and peace, 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.

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 GUIDED TOURS AUTUMN PROGRAMME: A Free Guided Tour will take place on the following Saturdays during the autumn: 31 October (starting at 2.00pm) and on 21 November and 12 December when the tours start at 1.30pm. The tour lasts about 1 hour. No booking is required. On arrival please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

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>.

ANNUAL SERVICE AT KILLINGBECK CEMETERY NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: Sunday 8th November at 2.30pm. All the Diocese are invited to come to the cemetery and pray for the deceased members of the Diocese and extended family. The service, led by Canon Patrick Wall, Dean of East Leeds, will be in the chapel with readings, hymns, and rosary. Weather permitting, we will walk around the clergy circle reciting the rosary.

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.

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.

JOIN THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: Whether you are a doctor, nurse, student, or allied professional — if you are a Catholic in healthcare, join us to grow in fellowship, prayer and formation together. For more information & upcoming events, visit: <https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk>

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues – Retrouvaille could be the solution. www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

CATHOLIC CARE RECRUITMENT: Support Workers required - Full and Part-time hours available for our services in Leeds, Bradford and Life Skill Mentors required in Dewsbury Salary: £26,045 per annum pro rata. Care Bank Workers required in Bradford £15.07 per hour inclusive. Please see our website for details -www.catholic-care.org.uk/jobs