

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 4th + TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 04 Oct	9.30 am	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Alice Redmond [A]
Monday 05 Oct		St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin	
Tuesday 06 Oct		St Bruno, Priest	
Wednesday 07 Oct	12NOON	Our Lady of the Rosary	November Dead List
Thursday 08 Oct		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
FRIDAY 09 Oct		SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN	
Saturday 10 Oct	10.00am	St Paulinus of York, Bishop	Mary Scanlon [A]
Sunday 11 Oct	9.30am	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mike Plunkett [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

27/09/2026 Week 26 Total £140.65 | WK25 CO £3.05 |

BANKED – 28.09.2026 - £140.00 | WK26 CO £3.70 Thanking you for your support.

Collection for Home Mission Sunday **£115.40** thank you

FLOWER FUND ROTA 2026 | 04 October – Mary & Tom O’Connell | 11 October – Kay Pierce
| 18 October – Liz Godfrey | 25 October – vacant |

NO FOOTSTEPS this week. Church weekend away.

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 contact Jean or Peggy after Mass.

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 over the weekends of 3/4 and 10/11 October.

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 for information: www.40daysforlife.com/leeds.

"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. The booking deadline was 30 September. Enquiries: caritas.leeds@catholic-care.org.uk.

100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2026 This year, World Mission Sunday falls on 18 October 2026. On this day, the whole Church unites in prayer for its missionary activity, and in collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world living in situations of poverty and privation. Thank you for your ongoing support of Mission through prayer and charity. Please do all you can to celebrate this day in solidarity with the whole Church and pass on my thanks to the parish reps for all their hard work in Red Boxes throughout the year in collecting the Red Boxes and sending the money off to support the missions. For more information about World Mission Sunday, visit: <https://missio.org.uk/wms/>

CATHOLIC UNION WEBINAR - MONDAY 19 OCTOBER "How Can AI Enhance Human Experience Rather Than Lessen It?" At 6.00pm, journalist Catherine Pepinster chairs a discussion with Fr Michael Baggot, Associate Professor of Bioethics at the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum, and Sam Monaghan, Chief Executive of Methodist Homes Association. Kanishka Narayan MP, Minister for Artificial Intelligence, has been invited. Booking is essential: email info@catholicunion.org.uk to receive the Zoom link.

DAY OF PRAYER: St Peter In Chains, Doncaster is hosting a 'Day of Prayer', Saturday 24 October, promoting the Shrine of Our Lady of Doncaster, 10.00am-3pm. Adoration/Benediction, confessions, Holy Mass, reflections and rosary led by the Irish singer Dana. Please ask Our Lady of Doncaster and the four beatified martyrs of the Diocese of Hallam (Blesseds Nicolas Garlik, Robert Ludlum, John Anne, William Richardson)

to intercede for us. Please book in advance and for further information
hailfulofgrace2026@gmail.com

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.

LOURDES QUIZ NIGHT & INFORMATION EVENING Have you ever thought about going to Lourdes as a pilgrim, or perhaps volunteering, but weren't quite sure what's involved? We're holding a series of quiz and information evenings to give you the chance to find out more, meet members of the team and ask any questions you might have.

- St Columba's, Halifax
Saturday 24th October
7:00pm
£5 per ticket — all proceeds go towards our fundraising.

Come along, meet some of the amazing people who volunteer on the Diocese of Leeds pilgrimage to Lourdes, hear about their experiences and find out what being part of the pilgrimage could mean for you. And, of course, there'll be a quiz with pie and pea supper, and plenty of fun along the way. Everyone is welcome, whether you're simply curious or already thinking about joining us. We'd love to see you there.

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.

CHRISTIAN ART CONFERENCE - SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER A day exploring the sacred dialogue between beauty and faith at the QEII Centre, central London, bringing together artists, theologians, cultural leaders and art lovers from around the world. Tickets are limited. Further information | Book tickets

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.

ONLINE GOSPEL MEDITATIONS: Throughout the year, the Briery Retreat Team deliver fortnightly guided meditations via Zoom, with time for reflection and sharing. These are on Thursday from 7.30pm to 8.15pm. The 'doors' open at 7.15 for a chat and introductions. All are welcome. Register for the link by email admin@briery.org.uk

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