

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 18th + TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 18 Oct	9.30 am	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY	Graziano Conti [LD]
Monday 19 Oct		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday 20 Oct		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday 21 Oct	12NOON	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Dead List
Thursday 22 Oct		St John Paul II	Richard Jeremy Greaves (Radlett) [LD]
FRIDAY 23 Oct		St John of Capistrano	
Saturday 24 Oct	10.00am	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	
Sunday 25 Oct	9.30am	THIRTIETH SUNDAY	Missa pro populo

Sunday Mass Times - Sacred Heart & St. Patrick Sowerby Bridge | Saturday 5.30pm | Sunday 11am

NB - NO MASS WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER

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

11/10/2026 Week 28 Total £98.02 | WK27 CO £0.20 |

BANKED: 12.10.2026 - £95.00 | WK28 CO £3.22 Thanking you.

TODAY: Collection for Association for the Propagation of the Faith (World Mission Sunday)

REQUIEM MASS: Mary Harwood RIP will be received into The Good Shepherd on Tuesday 3 November at 6.00pm. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 4 November at 12 noon, followed by interment at Luddenden Cemetery at 1.45pm.

Remember Mary 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.

WITH GRATITUDE TO LIV AND DAVID For twelve years, Liv Redmond and David Marsh have generously served as cooks at the Good Shepherd Luncheon Club. As they retire from these roles, we offer them our heartfelt thanks for their faithful work and the care they have brought to our Wednesday lunches.

A shared meal offers far more than nourishment. It makes room for conversation, friendship and the quiet reassurance of belonging. Through their service, Liv and David have helped make the Good Shepherd a place of welcome for parishioners and the wider Mytholmroyd community.

Founded more than thirty years ago by parishioners including Doris Moorhead, the club continues under Anne's organisation, a responsibility she accepted at Doris's request in 2021. We thank Anne and all the volunteers who sustain this much-loved gathering and warmly welcome the three new helpers who have joined from the local community. Further volunteers would be most welcome to help secure its future.

A Mass has been requested for Liv and David in thanksgiving for their years of service. May God bless them with health, happiness and the knowledge that their kindness has made a lasting difference.

HEBDEN BRIDGE BRASS BAND Remembrance concert here at Good Shepherd 2pm on Sunday 1 November. All welcome.

MESSAGE FROM STEVE WOODHEAD Thank you to everyone who attended, participated or simply wished me well for my Civic Service on 3 October. It was a wonderful celebration and, in every sense, I felt truly blessed. A special thank you to Canon Larkin for officiating. Liz for playing the organ and Chris for reading, you all made it truly special. Steve

FLOWER FUND ROTA 2026 18 October – Liz Godfrey | 25 October – vacant | 1 November – vacant | 8 November – Breda and Chris Allen | 15 November – Linda Oswin | 22 November – Irene Ogden.

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.

100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2026 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. 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – PRAYER, FASTING AND PEACEFUL VIGIL: Running until 1st November 7:00am-7:00pm. Join us in being a voice for the voiceless. Location just over 150 meters from MSI Reproductive Choices abortion facility at the junction of Chapeltown Road and Barrack Road LS7 4AW. This complies with current buffer-zone law. To get involved contact Chris Redding 07815 681343 email: 40daysforlifeleeds@gmail.com. Further information at www.40daysforlife.com/leeds

DAY OF PRAYER: St Peter In Chains, Doncaster is hosting a 'Day of Prayer', Saturday 24th 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 hailfullofgrace2026@gmail.com

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 at 7:00pm | £5 per ticket** 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. Everyone is welcome. We'd love to see you there.

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.

INSTAGRAM HANGOUT: Join us at Leeds Cathedral for an exclusive tour created especially for Instagrammers! Learn more about the fascinating history, architecture and design of our Arts and Crafts-style Cathedral, access areas not usually open to the public, and capture its beauty through photography. Saturday 31st October 2pm-4pm. All are welcome! Tickets are free, but registration is essential: <https://bit.ly/4i9aEmV>

FRATRES Men's Prayer Group with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal: consisting of Eucharistic Adoration and Lectio Divina. We will meet monthly at 7:30 pm on Thursday evenings - usually, but not always the first Thursday of the month at St Pio Friary in Bradford (1A Sedgfield Terrace, BD1 2RU). The dates for 2026-2027 are November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4, March 4, April 8, May 6, and June 3.

HANDMAIDS WOMEN'S GROUP: Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for Adoration, Music, Rosary, opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation and refreshments. 6th November and 4th December 7-8.30pm Corpus Christi Church, Neville Road, Leeds.

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.

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>.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS Consider discussing your wishes with family and friends, including whether you would prefer a Requiem Mass or funeral service, your choice of hymns and Scripture readings. Write down your wishes and keep them safely with your papers so they are clear when the time comes.

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