# The Good Shepherd

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## Sunday 25th + THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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| **Sunday 25 Oct** | **9.30 am** | **THIRTIETH SUNDAY** | **Missa pro populo** |
| Monday 26 Oct | | Ss Chad and Cedd, Bishops | |
| **Tuesday 27 Oct** | | Weekday in Ordinary Time | |
| Wednesday 28 Oct | NO MASS TODAY | SS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES | |
| Thursday 29 Oct | | Weekday in Ordinary Time | |
| FRIDAY 30 Oct | | Weekday in Ordinary Time | |
| **Saturday 31 Oct** | **10.00am** | **Saturday Mass of Our Lady** | **Private Intention** |
| **Sunday 01 Nov** | **9.30am** | **ALL SAINTS Holyday of Obligation** | **Luigi & Albina – Andrea & Angela [A]** |

**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
**18/10/2026 Week 29 Total £350.54**| WK28 CO £3.22 |
**BANKED: 19.10.2026 - £350.00** | WK29 CO £3.76 Thanking you.
Collection (World Mission Sunday) **£248.80** many thanks

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

**WITH GRATITUDE TO LIV AND DAVID** After twelve years as cooks at the Good Shepherd Luncheon Club, Liv Redmond and David Marsh are retiring. We thank them warmly for their faithful service and the care they brought to our Wednesday lunches. Through shared meals, conversation and friendship, they helped make the Good Shepherd a welcoming place for parishioners and the wider Mytholmroyd community.

Founded over thirty years ago by parishioners including Doris Moorhead, the club continues under Anne's organisation, which she undertook in 2021. We thank Anne, all our volunteers and three new local helpers. More volunteers are warmly welcomed. A Mass has been requested for Liv and David in thanksgiving. May God bless them with health, happiness and the knowledge that their kindness made a lasting difference.

**GOOD SHEPHERD EVOLUTIONARY BOOKSHELF** Cheryl was our first borrower. The book is 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse' and the author, Charlie Mackesy. This was recommended by Clara Mc. Who says she bought it to read to her children and then found herself reading it again herself and using its marvellous quotes to inspire her co-workers. Since it is the first and only one borrowed so far…can we call this the October 'Book of the Month' Peggy and I have 4 of your recommendations so far on order! The bookshelf will be out again after mass on Sunday. Contact Jean or Peggy after Mass.

**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

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

**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.

**JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE** Sarah Brown will be running the 2027 London Marathon in aid of the Jesuit Refugee Service. To support her fundraising, she is holding a ladies' clothes shopping evening and fashion show at St Michael's Hall on **Friday 27 November**. **Tickets cost £6** and will be available from Sarah after Mass. It would be lovely to see you there. Thank you for supporting Sarah and the charity's work to uphold the dignity of refugees.

**THE MAYOR** Cllr Steve Woodhead will be hosting a Ceilidh to raise funds for his chosen charity, Calder Valley Search and Rescue. The date of the Ceilidh will be Saturday, 20 March 2027. Please save the date or for your chance to buy tickets early, please click on What's On Hebden Bridge listing | Tickets

**ALL SOULS** A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, may be gained on each day from 1 to 8 November by devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead, even silently; or on All Souls' Day by devoutly visiting a church or oratory and reciting the Our Father and the Creed. The usual conditions apply: sacramental Confession, Holy Communion, prayer for the Pope's intentions and complete detachment from sin. A partial indulgence is granted for devout cemetery visits and prayer for the dead at other times. (*Enchiridion of Indulgences, concession 29*.)

**UNDER ONE SKY PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION** Featuring photographic portraits and personal stories of refugees who have legally settled in North Yorkshire, offering a human perspective beyond the headlines. Learn about their journeys and the lives they are building today. 30 October to 4 November 2026, 10.00am to 3.00pm, Gracious St. Methodist Church, Knaresborough, HG5 8AN Free admission. Please contact sue.parsons@catholic-care.org.uk

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

**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 31 October 2pm-4pm. All are welcome! Tickets are free, but registration is essential: https://bit.ly/4i9aEmV

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE – PRAYER, FASTING AND PEACEFUL VIGIL:** Running until 1 November 7am-7pm. 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. Contact Chris Redding 07815 681343 | www.40daysforlife.com/leeds

**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. 6 November and 4th December 7-8.30pm Corpus Christi Church, Neville Road, Leeds.

**FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL - DISCIPLESHIP DAYS 2026-2027:** Please join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR's) for our Discipleship Days at St Patrick's Mission Church, Bradford. The theme is "May the Lord Give You Peace". November 7, December 5, January 9, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1. The day includes Rosary, Holy Mass, a talk, Confessions, and a Holy Hour with Eucharistic adoration, 11.45am - 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided.

**ANNUAL SERVICE AT KILLINGBECK CEMETERY NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS:** Sunday 8 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

**THE ORION CHOIR** is making a very welcome return visit to St Bernard's Church HX3 6DL On **Saturday 14 November at 7.30pm**. Join us for an evening of beautiful choral music Echoes That Remain Including Howells-Requiem, Tavener-Song for Athene and Parry-Lord let me know mine end. Entrance is by donation for choir and church funds. Refreshments provided in the Hall after the Concert.

**THE HUDDERSFIELD UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY:** is delighted to invite all students to our monthly Holy Mass at the University, Monday, 16 November, 6:00 pm, Community Hall, Jo Cox Building. Weekly Meetings every Wednesday for prayer, reflection and spiritual growth. Other Activities and Social Events - providing opportunities to meet new people, build friendships and enjoy a sense of community. Come along, connect with others, and be part of our welcoming Chaplaincy community. We look forward to seeing you!

**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' DAY:** Saturday 21 November. Mass at 11:30am, followed by lunch (£15). To book your place, reply with dietary requirements by 13 November to James Jackson: jjackson@sbsj.co.uk & 01274 941941.

**'WE HAVE FOUND THE MESSIAH' - AN ADVENT REFLECTION:** Saturday 21 November at The Briery, Ilkley. Join us in preparation for Advent for a day of reflection led by Canon Dennis Cassidy. £35pp to include a two-course home-cooked lunch and all refreshments. Contact admin@briery.org.uk or 01943 607287

**JOIN YOUTH 2000 FOR A HOLY HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Friday 27 November, 7.15pm, St Mary's Church, LS18 4AG. Holy Mass, 6.30pm. This will be a peaceful, guided time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, with opportunity to be still and listen to the Lord. Confessions available. Young adults (ages 18-35) are invited! Whether you regularly spend time in Adoration or this will be your first time, we'd love to see you.

**'LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS' – PRE-ADVENT RETREAT WEEKEND:** 27-29 November at The Briery, Ilkley. Take some time out before the busy-ness of the season starts for a chance to prepare for the joy of Christmas during this retreat led by Fr Chris Thomas and enjoy the peace and rich hospitality offered at The Briery. £230pp fully inclusive (£110 non-residential). For more information and to book call 01943 607287

**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.

**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. 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, is welcome, visit https://www.marysmeals.org.uk.

**GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY CARERS PROJECT**: An online support group for unpaid carers has two sessions on the first Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm and 7.30pm. If you care for a friend, neighbour or family member you are invited to join us contact Michelle for more information or to register carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk

**THE ORATORY OF ST JOSEPH:** Catholic Men's Group (ages 21-35). Helping young men to grow in faith, fellowship and formation in order to become the saint that God is calling them to be. Meeting on the last Thursday of the month, Hinsley Hall, 6.30pm. For more information email oratory.stjoseph@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

**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 UPDATE:** We're delighted to share that Catholic Care has a new home at Hinsley Hall, 62 Headingley Lane, Leeds, LS6 2BX. While our address has changed, our commitment to supporting people across the Diocese remains as strong as ever. You can now reach us on 0113 831 5712.

**CATHOLIC CARE RECRUITMENT:** Community Development Worker, Huddersfield, 8 hours per week. Salary - £27,307 pro rata / £14.15 per hour. Support Workers required, full-time, part-time and temporary roles available in Leeds and Bradford; a Waking Nights Support Worker is urgently needed in Todmorden and Life Skill Mentors required in Dewsbury Salary: £26,045 per annum pro rata. Care Bank Residential Childcare Workers required in Keighley & Wakefield £15.07 per hour inclusive. Please see our website for details www.catholic-care.org.uk/jobs or email CV to recruitment@catholic-care.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.