# The Good Shepherd

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## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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| **Sunday 15 Nov** | **9.30 am** | **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | **Josie Plummer for recovery** |
| Monday 16 Nov | | St Edmund of Abingdon | |
| Tuesday 17 Nov | | St Hilda, Abbess | |
| **Wednesday 18 Nov** | **12noon** | **Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul** | **For m&n** |
| Thursday 19 Nov | | Weekday in Ordinary Time | |
| FRIDAY 20 Nov | | Weekday in Ordinary Time | |
| **Saturday 21 Nov** | **10.00am** | **The Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary** | **Missa pro populo** |
| **Sunday 22 Nov** | **9.30am** | **CHRIST THE KING** | **Anne Mackenzie [AB] Remembered with love** |

**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
**08/11/2026 Week 32 Total £165.70**| WK31 CO £4.78 |
**BANKED: 09.11.2026 - £170.00** | WK32 CO £0.48 Thanking you.

**FLOWER FUND ROTA 2026** | 15 November – Linda Oswin | 22 November – Irene Ogden

**THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER** Please put the names of deceased relatives and friends, together with your offering, in one of the envelopes at the back of church and hand it to Canon Larkin. The list closes at the end of November. Offerings are made into £10 Mass intentions and Masses will be celebrated throughout the year. A total of 40 Masses were offered for the deceased relatives and friends of the parish in 2025/26.

**PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRS REPORT** Our Parish Council Chair's Report will be read following Mass on **Sunday 29 November**. We warmly invite you to stay for a few minutes to hear the report. Your time, interest and support are very much appreciated.

**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. 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.

**FOOD BANK** 6.5 million people in the UK are now said to be in, 'food poverty' in the UK, making our local food bank donations even more vital as we move towards winter. There is a growing call for a cap on the price of basic food stuffs as inflation continues to rise. Whilst we can't readily donate perishable food stuffs via church, we can provide protein and vitamin rich tinned and packet food stuffs, cereals and personal hygiene products. Help if you can. Donating just one item per week from your weekly shop makes someone else's load a little lighter. Thank you

**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

**HOLY SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** A date and time for your child's Baptism can be arranged once you have completed the parish form and begun to establish a relationship with the parish community. The choice of godparents is very important, as they are called to be role models in the Christian life. Normally, two godparents are chosen; they must be practising Catholics, at least 16 yrs old, and have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Parents have the primary responsibility of handing on the faith to their children, both in teaching and in practice. Catholic schools exist to support you in this task, but they cannot replace your example, especially your faithful commitment to the Mass, which is the best instruction you can give your child. If, after reflecting on this, you wish to present your child for Baptism, please see Canon Larkin after Mass for the Pre-Baptism form.

**HALIFAX DEANERY CONFIRMATION** **Tuesday 24 November at 7pm** at St Malachy's, Halifax. Bishop Marcus has granted parish priests in the Diocese of Leeds the faculty to administer Confirmation.

**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 that He will grant an abundance of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life within the Diocese of Leeds, and throughout the world. Amen.

**ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY** Friday 20 November at 12.30pm, Leeds Cathedral. Mass will be offered for the deceased bishops, priests and deacons of the diocese.

**LAND OF CANAAN** SPARK Social Justice presents a film about growing and sustaining olive groves in Palestine on Friday 20 November at 7pm, St Chad's parish hall, Otley Road, Headingley. Details and tickets at sparksocialjustice.org.uk.

**LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS** Free tours on Saturdays 21 November and 12 December at 1.30pm, lasting about an hour. No booking is needed. Meet by the baptismal font at the back of the Cathedral.

**WE HAVE FOUND THE MESSIAH** Advent day of reflection led by Canon Dennis Cassidy on Saturday 21 November at The Briery, Ilkley. £35 including a two-course lunch and refreshments. Contact admin@briery.org.uk or 01943 607287.

**HEAD OF FINANCE VACANCY** The Diocese of Leeds seeks a Financial Controller with ACA, ACCA or CIMA qualification. Apply by Monday 23 November. See www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies/ or email recruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

**THE ORATORY OF ST JOSEPH** Catholic men aged 21–35 are welcome for faith, fellowship and formation at Hinsley Hall at 6.30pm on the last Thursday of the month. Email oratory.stjoseph@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

**SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS TEACHER** St John's Catholic Specialist School, Boston Spa, seeks a full-time permanent SEND teacher for Preparation for Adulthood, starting 4 January 2027 or as soon as possible thereafter. MPS/UPS plus one SEN allowance. Apply by noon on Friday 27 November. Interviews on 4 December. Contact Karen Holt at karen.holt@stjohns.org.uk or 01937 842144. Application pack at https://www.stjohns.org.uk/work-with-us/vacancies.

**LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS** Pre-Advent retreat led by Fr Chris Thomas, 27–29 November at The Briery, Ilkley. £230 fully inclusive or £110 non-residential. To book, email admin@briery.org.uk or call 01943 607287.

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH AT MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL:** Saturday 28 November at 7pm. Manchester Cathedral Choir and Manchester Baroque perform on period instruments under Christopher Stokes. A 25% discount on red seats is available using promo code "hallelujah" at checkout. Book tickets for Handel's Messiah www.manchesterbaroque.co.uk/whats-on Watch a previous performance

**GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY CARERS PROJECT** Online support for unpaid carers on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm and 7.30pm. Meet, chat and pray together. For more information or to register, email Michelle at carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk.

**FRATRES MEN'S PRAYER GROUP** Eucharistic Adoration and Lectio Divina with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal at St Pio Friary, 1A Sedgfield Terrace, Bradford BD1 2RU. Thursdays at 7.30pm on 3 December, 7 January, 4 February, 4 March, 8 April.

**BACH'S ST MATTHEW PASSION** Good Friday, 26 March 2027, at 4.30pm, Manchester Cathedral. Manchester Baroque and Manchester Cathedral Choir mark 300 years since the first performance in Leipzig in 1727. The same ticket promo code, "hallelujah", is offered. Enquiries: martynshaw@manchesterbaroque.co.uk

**JOIN THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION** Catholic doctors, nurses, students and allied professionals are invited to join for fellowship, prayer and formation. Information and events: 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

**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

**ALMA MATER FUND AND ABORTION RECOVERY AND CARE HELPLINE** The Alma Mater Fund offers financial and practical support to university students facing a crisis pregnancy. ARCH offers free, confidential support to those affected by abortion. https://spuc.org.uk/support-hub/alma-mater/ and www.archtrust.org.uk/.

**CATHOLIC CARE RECRUITMENT** Schools Social Workers: Full/part-time, £32,105 – £37,018 pro rata. Waking Nights Support Worker: Sutton in Craven, £26,045 pro rata. Community Development Worker: Huddersfield, £28,193 pro rata, 6 hours per week. Full/part time/temporary Adult Learning Disability Service Support Workers: Leeds, Skipton, Bradford, Todmorden, £26,045 pro rata. Care Bank Residential Childcare Workers, Keighley & Wakefield. £15.07 per hour inclusive. Please see https://catholic-care.org.uk/recruitment/ for further details/application form.