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Sunday 8th January + THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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MASSES DURING THE WEEK Readings and Mass texts visit www.universalis.com

Sunday 08 Jan 2023	9.30 am	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Dorothy Neville [LD]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Monday 09 Jan		Weekday in Ordinary Time		
Tuesday 10 Jan		Weekday in Ordinary Time		
Wednesday 11 Jan	12.00 noon	Weekday in Ordinary Time	GS November Dead List 2022/23	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thursday 12 Jan		St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot		
Friday 13 Jan		St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church		
Saturday 14 Jan	10.00am	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	David Pickforth [LD]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 15 Jan 2023	9.30 am	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Fr John Gott [LD]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

PARISH NEWSLETTER Please submit notices (by Wednesday 8pm) - to Fr Larkin by email at pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

BENEDICT XVI'S LAST WORDS "Lord, I love you!"

Archbishop Georg Gänswein, Prefect of the Papal Household, recounts Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's last words spoken during the night several hours before he died. It was precisely his seeking Jesus, "the beloved", that was the distinguishing hallmark of Joseph Ratzinger's priestly service, as Pope Francis himself recalled in 2016.

The last words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI were heard in the middle of the night by a nurse. It was around 3am on 31 December, several hours before he died. Joseph Ratzinger had not yet entered his final moments, and at that time his collaborators and assistants were alternating in his care.

With him at that precise moment there was only one nurse who does not speak German. "Benedict XVI," his secretary, Archbishop Georg Gänswein, recounts emotionally, "with just a whisper of a voice, but in a clearly distinguishable manner, said in Italian: 'Signore ti amo!'

("Lord, I love you!) I was not there at the moment, but the nurse told me about it shortly afterwards. These were his last comprehensible words, because afterwards he was no longer able to express himself."

At the requiem for a Pope, it is customary for red vestments to be worn rather than purple or black, since we are mourning the death of the successor of the Apostle Peter. The tradition of red as the mourning colour for a pope has its roots in ancient Byzantine funeral practices; red is meant to symbolize the passion, and faith, of Jesus Christ, the Apostles and martyrs. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

SISTER DOCTOR CECILY BOULDING OP RIP.

Sister Cecily taught at Ushaw College for many years and was my tutor while at Ushaw and the University of Durham. Remember Cecily in your prayers; Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

FOOTSTEPS Sunday 8 January after Mass, 10.30-12pm. See you there!

CHURCHES TOGETHER EPIPHANY SERVICE You are invited to an Epiphany service at Hebden Royd Methodist Church on Sunday January 8 at 6pm

LUNCHEON CLUB If you are looking to try something new in 2023 why not join us for lunch every Wednesday 12.30 -2pm? Our long-standing luncheon club offers convivial company, tasty freshly cooked food, prepared and served by your fellow parishioners and the opportunity to fulfil our Live Simply mission by supporting food charities, locally and internationally. Reducing social isolation especially amongst the more senior members of our community is a concern for us all, so why not join with friends from the Good Shepherd and wider community by supporting this invaluable parish asset. Please feel free to give us a try by joining us one Wednesday, you will receive a warm welcome.

The Luncheon Club resumes on January 11 2023. Anne Plunkett

A NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed **Mgr. Philip Moger** as an Auxiliary Bishop for Southwark. Born in 1955, Bishop-Elect Philip Moger grew up in Halifax. A priest of the Diocese of Leeds for 40 years, Bishop-Elect Moger has, until now, been the Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk. I ask everyone in our parish and school communities to pray for him as he prepares for this new mission.

FORTHCOMING ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD Please pray for Rev Marc Pitson, who currently serves as a deacon in the parish of St John Mary Vianney, Leeds. Marc will be ordained (DV) to the Priesthood at Leeds Cathedral on Saturday 28 January, 11:00am. All are invited to attend the Ordination.

Looking further ahead, Rev Paul Moores, who is currently in his final year of formation at the Pontifical Beda College, will be ordained (DV) to the Priesthood at Leeds Cathedral on Saturday 1 July, 11:00am.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES JULY 2023 Call for Nurses and Carers

The annual Diocese of Leeds Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place in 2023 from 7-13 July. This is a call for nurses and carers to be part of the amazing Hospitality Team who help to take care of the assisted and sick pilgrims on the pilgrimage. Helping our sick pilgrims to visit the shrine of Our Lady is a wonderfully fulfilling role. Preparation and training are provided. All enquiries to Anita: anita.bodurka@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or Angela: psr.aharvey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

TRANSPORT There are some people who struggle to get to Mass on Sundays as they don't drive and public transport is not necessarily an option for them. If you are able to offer lifts (not necessarily weekly and not necessarily each way if there are enough volunteers), please let me know and we could possibly create a rota. Likewise, if you would benefit from a lift please ask. Contact Jo (07725 854932)

ZOOM ROTA if you would like to lead a session, email jeanmarsh48@btinternet.com
2023 | Feb. 07 John and Cathy Duffy

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – We have had a request from Annette Haigh, local SVP area Manager for the shops in Halifax, Brighouse, they are really struggling for staff at the moment and it is making things very difficult.

SVP Shops - Job Vacancies:

We urgently need:

- Assistant Manager for Brighouse
- Casual Managers in Brighouse, Halifax, Bradford,
- Casual drivers to support the shops clearing clothing banks etc Bradford
- Assistant manager at Sunbridge Road Bradford

Also, a volunteer Pat tester for our shops, keyholder volunteers needed in the shop at Halifax to help with covering shop managers day off.

Contact: Annette Haigh, Area Manager. T: 01274 726790, M: 07584 341290

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON AT THE QE2 CENTRE, LONDON - Sat 11 February.

Catholic Voices and *Word on Fire* are hosting a one-day conference called 'Sharing the Church's Story', 10am-5pm. The Vicariate of Education is looking at the possibility of hiring a coach to take people travelling from Leeds. If you are interested in attending the conference and travelling down on the coach, please contact Fr Henry Longbottom on henry.longbottom@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or 0113 267 8257 before 13 January. For more information about the event visit www.sharingthechurchsstory.com

FLOWER FUNDING ROTA Here is the Rota for the next two months:

8 January Linda Oswin, 15 January Kay Pierce, 22 January Veronica Gregory
29 January Chris Baker, 5 February Cathy & John Duffy, 12 February Vacant
19 February Anne & Michael Plunkett.

"I AM WITH YOU" - HALIFAX DEANERY MISSION 2023

In the week leading up to the Feast of the Ascension (15 - 18 May 2023) the Catholics of the Halifax Deanery will be celebrating a week of Mission, sharing with each other and the wider community the love of Jesus.

To access the latest information and follow developments, please use the following social media "handles":

Facebook: @missionhalifax

Twitter: @halifaxmission

Instagram: @missionhalifax

PARISH GIVING If you wish to set up a standing order account details:

Good Shepherd Mytholmroyd - Sort Code 40-27-15 and the Account No. 21023209

Thank you for your continued support it is very much appreciated.