

# The Good Shepherd

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**Sunday 9th + FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Parish Mass Book Vol 2 p99f**

**MASSES DURING THE WEEK** Readings and Mass texts visit [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

<b>Sunday 09 July</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Missa pro populo</b>	<b>GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH</b>
Monday 10 July		Weekday in Ordinary Time		
Tuesday 11 July		ST BENEDICT, ABBOT AND PATRON OF EUROPE		
<b>Wednesday 12 July</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Mr M Allsop [YB]</b>	<b>GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH</b>
Thursday 13 July		St Henry		<b>GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH</b>
Friday 14 July		St Camillus de Lellis, Priest		
<b>Saturday 15 July</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b>	<b>Nov Dead List 2022/23</b>	<b>GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH</b>
<b>Sunday 16 July</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>For Maurice</b>	<b>GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH</b>

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

**PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING** The Parish bank details are HSBC Bank Account name: Good Shepherd Mytholmroyd / Sort Code 40-27-15 / Account No. 21023209  
Thank for your generous donations to the parish.

**STELLA MARIS** Sea Sunday today **09 July**

Seafarers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to

donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

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**LUNCHEON CLUB SUMMER CLOSURE** Thank you for your company and support this year. We would like to remind you that we will close for our summer break after lunch on the Wednesday 12 July and re-open on the 06 September 2023. We would like to wish you a healthy, happy, and safe summer and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

**Luncheon Club Inspection** I am delighted to inform you that our weekly Good Shepherd Luncheon Club received a 5-star rating for food safety and hygiene following an external, unannounced inspection this morning. My thanks to all our volunteer cooks and helpers who have worked tirelessly and undergone the necessary training to make this judgement possible after re-opening following our enforced closure due to covid restrictions. The increased use of the parish-centre kitchen to help provide meals for a growing number of people in the local area, fulfils the original purpose of having such a community space attached to the church.

**SAFEGUARDING** Julie Talbot has taken on the role of safeguarding for the parish, her contact email: [psr.jtalbot@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:psr.jtalbot@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) this diocesan email address is for parish safeguarding only. Julie has a copy of the parish DBS list for audit.

**HEALTH & SAFETY TRAINING** To foster the development of a robust health and safety culture, the Catholic Insurance Service (CIS) has generously provided the Diocese of Leeds with access to ten E-Learning training modules. These modules are designed to assist clergy and volunteers in undertaking essential and, in some instances, obligatory training. For instance, compliance with manual handling training is legally required for personnel involved in lifting, lowering, pulling, or pushing activities.

The allocation of training modules will be based on the individual's specific job role, type of work, and particular tasks. Each online module has a duration ranging from 20 to 30 minutes. Individuals serving as Caretakers/Handymen, Cleaners, Stewards, Flower arrangers, or those involved in providing refreshments such as tea, coffee and meals will have their email addresses submitted to the diocese, ensuring their participation in the training. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**ASK YOUR MP TO STOP ABORTION UP TO BIRTH** The abortion lobby is running a campaign to fully 'decriminalise' abortion, which would introduce abortion up to birth!

Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to oppose the introduction of abortion up to birth. Please visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/noabortionuptobirth](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/noabortionuptobirth) to contact your MP now.

**GARDEN PROJECT** Steve Woodhead. If you're one of the people that ever goes into the garden at the back of church you may have noticed the addition of two new planters, I made these with the help of a grant from Hebden Bridge – Community association 'Staying

Well' which I accessed as a response to working with one of our Monday evening clients at our community meal. The grant is to support people to stay active in their community and to potentially improve mental ill health. He and I (and possibly others as we go along) will continue to maintain them and hopefully benefit from some of the produce. Thank you to Helen and Maggie who provided some of the plants.

**FLOWER FUNDING ROTA** 9 July Ivy Abram, 16 July Nick Burchnall, 30 July Barbara Bottomley.

**PARISH ELECTRICITY CONTRACT** Dear Father, I am writing to you following the renewal of the electricity contract by IFM, with an update on the prices.

**Contract renewal** Over recent months there has been some easing within in domestic supply markets from the position in 2022, although the business supply markets continue to prove challenging. Given the size of dioceses and their consumption, each diocese would be classed as a commercial purchaser of energy, that means domestic (household) tariffs are not available to us. By being part of IFM we are able to use our buying power to soften the increases being felt in the commercial market in entering into the new contract with effect from **1 July 2023**.

Following a competitive tender process, we are confident that we have obtained the best deal possible in the circumstances. I had been hoping to be able to talk about reductions in costs, however in the main unit prices are slightly above the previous contract, with some sites seeing larger increases. The new contract is for a two-year period, set at one tariff across the whole term of the contract. Unlike the gas contract, the electricity prices vary between sites as they are calculated on consumption as well as costs of transmission according to the part of the country in which you are based. In order to give you some idea of the impact of the new contract, the average parish consumes around 7,500kWh of electricity each year and the annual cost until 30 June 2023 under the current contract is around £2,800 with average contract prices of 34.9p/kWh and standing charges of 47.5p per day. Under the new contract this will be around £3,000 across the whole year, with average contract rates of 36.28p/kWh and standing charges of 81.45p/day. The significant increase in standing charges is also being felt in the domestic market and is something which we have looked at closely during renewal. Some sites are below this level; however some are significantly higher due to their location and consumption of power.

**Green energy and carbon footprint** The electricity which will be supplied is from wholly renewable sources, namely wind, wave and solar. This means that we are living out what Pope Francis called us to in *Laudato Si'*, in minimising our impact on the Earth's resources in how our power is generated and contributes significantly to lowering the carbon footprint of the Dioceses.

**Supplier** The supplier for the new contract is Engie, and more details of this company can be found at <https://www.engie.com/en> and it was this organisation's work with renewable energy as well as competitive prices which made them the preferred supplier. As part of the tender process, we look at more than just price, and consider non-commercial factors such as service and also ethical considerations.

**PARISH WEEKEND 2023** Friday 6 October - Sunday 8 October Halton Gill Bunkbarn, Skipton BD23 5QN - You are welcome to join us for a weekend of community, food, relaxation, contemplation, and fun. Accommodation: up to 35 in 8 bedrooms. Cost: £35 per person (this covers the cost of accommodation. Food/outings are extra) Under 4s free. Deposit of £20 per person on booking. Struggling to pay? Have a word with Maggie/ Fr Larkin. You need to bring pillowcase and sleeping bag, sheet, and duvet; towels and swimming gear if you want a sauna; waterproofs and wellies! All are welcome booking forms at the back of church or see Maggie.

### **FUNDRAISER FOR JADE**

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

After Mass Sunday 16 July

Donations please towards an electric wheelchair for Jade.

All welcome. Just come along. See Maureen or Maggie if you want more information.

**FOOTSTEPS SUMMER PICNIC** Family picnic on 09 July, 11am onwards

Bring your own picnic, towel, (wet shoes) Games, river,

Agnes and James' house: Upper Clough Foot Farm, Cragg Vale, HX75RU.

There is a sign of main road for Sprockets'nSpokes Bicycle repair.

**MISSION HALIFAX REUNION MASS & SOCIAL** Thursday 13 July, 7pm, St Mary's Church, Gibbet Street, Halifax HX1 5DH. Join Mission Halifax for a Reunion Mass & Social at St Mary's Church following on from the Mission. All welcome. After Mass, we will head to the Catholic Club (within walking distance) for our social.