## The Good Shepherd

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## Sunday 3rd + TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Mass Book Vol 2 p122f

Sunday 03 Sep	9.30 am	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Monday 04 Sep		St Cuthbert, Bishop		
Tuesday 05 Sep		Weekday		
Wednesday 06 Sep	12noon	Weekday	Terry & Doreen Carrol	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thursday 07 Sep		Weekday		
Friday 08 Sep		THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		
Saturday 09 Sep	10.00am	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	Nov Dead List 2022/23	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 10 Sep	9.30 am	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY	Fr John Gott [A]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

## Sacred Heart & St. Patrick Bolton Brow, Sowerby Bridge HX6 2BA

Holy Mass | Tuesday & Friday 9.30am | Thursday 7.30pm | Saturday vigil 5.30pm | Sunday 11.00am |

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

## **PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING**

20/08/2023 Week 21 - total £46.00 27/08/2023 Week 22 - total £50.00

**BANKED:** CARRIED OVER £50.00

Average monthly standing orders £2,075 (approx. £478 per week)

The Parish bank details are HSBC Bank PLC Account name: Good Shepherd Mytholmroyd

| Sort Code 40-27-15 | Account No. 21023209

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Collection for the Catholic Education Service

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE It is with great sadness to inform you of the following who died recently. PATRICA MULCHAY RIP Service will be held on Monday 18 September at 12.00noon.

QUIZ NIGHT – pencil in a date for your diaries Friday 22 September 2023 6pm. Another quiz night is being arranged for after the holidays with scintillating questions by your one and only quiz master Jo. So, get swotting up on your general knowledge and rebus puzzles! Tea, coffee, juice, and supper will be served. Ticket price £5 per person or £10 per family (2 adults + 2 children or 1 adult + 3 children). Bring your own booze. Virtual tickets can be purchased from Julie & Jo after Mass.

**LUNCHEON CLUB SUMMER** re-opens on the 06 September 2023

**FOOTSTEPS**. Meet again Sunday September 03, 2023

**SHIRLEY** thanks everyone very much for the good wishes and prayers conveyed in the Get-Well card and is doing all she can to make a full recovery.

RAFFLE FOR VALLEY COMMUNITY MEALS Thank you everyone for your support in buying raffle tickets for Valley Community Meals last week. A total of £118.60 was raised- which is amazing and will buy about a month's worth of meals for the Monday evening for good food and company. There are 2 unclaimed prizes behind the bar, if they're not claimed then I will open the chocolates for people to enjoy with their tea/coffee after Mass in a few weeks time. Jo

**FLOWER ROTA** 03 September Liz McLaughlin, 10 September Mary Harwood, 17 September Vacant, 24 September Doris Moorhead. As there are several vacant spaces on the rota, we are asking for more people to join the rota to donate towards the cost of flowers. If you can help, please contact Doris Moorhead either at church or on 01422 842931. Thank you.

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 to contact your MP now.

NOTES ABOUT THE FRUIT TREES IN ORCHARD The trees were planted in November 2015 when they were one year old. There are two plums and four apples. As you stand with your back to the car park, the first tree on the left is an "Oulins Golden Gage". Last year it produced its first crop of three plums which were perfectly ripe on August 15. I shared them with Jo, and we agreed they were delicious. This year there were a good dozen fruits which were all taken by an unknown person early in August. As always, I have great hopes for next year.

The first tree on your right is a "German Prune", which produces a small purple plum that ripens later than Golden Gage. Last year there were a few plums that all dropped off before they were ripe, possibly because they were too dry. This year there are more than a

dozen which on 20.8 were not yet ripe but getting there. Please, everyone, check them whenever you can and pick any that are ripe. Then let us know what they are like so we can build up a picture of what to expect in the future.

Both the plums were badly affected by an aphid that likes plum trees but not apples, so they looked rough earlier on. They have now given themselves a second growth of leaves and the fruit is unaffected so I think we can safely ignore the aphids.

I don't have much confidence in the labelling of the apple trees because of the chaotic way they were handled by the Incredible Edible farm, but I'll describe them as they were labelled. On the left, behind the Golden Gage, in the middle of the row is a Worcester Permain. This is described as "early season dessert fruit with a sweet strawberry flavour". At present it's still quite a small tree with a heavy crop.

Apple trees usually thin themselves spontaneously around July, which is why you'll see small fruits on the ground. Sometimes the thinning needs to be done manually as well. In a cluster or four or five fruits there won't be enough space for all to develop properly so the smaller and misshapen need to be removed. Also, in a young tree, branches sometimes break if they are carrying too much weight.

Behind the Worcester Permain is a Bloody Ploughman, the last in the row. This is supposed to have bright red flowers, purple skin, and pink flesh. The fruit has a distinct ribbing. Picked in September or October it is "juicy, light and sweet". What's there at present bears no relation to this description. I have thinned both Bloody Ploughman and Worcester Permain and found them to be grim eating. However, sliced and fried with onions they make a very nice accompaniment to bacon.

On the right-hand side, behind the German Prune, there is a Winston, an English cultivar first called "Winter King" and renamed towards the end of the war. It was bred in Berkshire in the 30's by crossing Cox and Worcester Permain. Its sugar content develops with storage and can be kept until March or possibly April if storage is cool. The fruit is small, streaky red flushed on the sunny side and green/yellow on the shady side. It has a heavy crop at present. I haven't yet tasted it.

The last tree on the right is a Bramley, the only one in whose label I have confidence. Last year it cropped well and almost all the fruit was removed by another (or possibly the same) unknown person. This year it has a very poor crop, and I don't know why. Resentful of having been robbed?

Also, on the same side there are two blackcurrant bushes which produced a modest crop of very sweet fruit last year and nothing this year, probably because of the very hot dry spell. They are both looking healthy now.

When fruit trees are mature and growing well. they produce generous crops so I have no doubt that eventually there will be enough fruit in our orchard for everyone. If you pick any, please let me know all about it so I can keep up the records. Best to all, Peggy

**SAFEGUARDING** Julie Talbot has taken on the role of safeguarding for the parish, her contact email: 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.

Everyone shares the responsibility for safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of the young and vulnerable within the Catholic Church. By taking a proactive approach and fostering a culture of vigilance and accountability, we aim to provide a safe environment where individuals can flourish and be protected from harm. Julie Talbot is available to provide advice, support whenever it is needed along with Safeguarding Administrator diocese of Leeds– Joanne Clark |Tel: 0113 261 8046

MOUNT ST JOSEPH'S IRISH NIGHT Saturday 23 September, 7:30pm, Little Sisters of the Poor, Headingley. Ceilidh, Irish Stew, Bar, Raffle. Tickets £15 from reception (0113 2784101).

**PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE, OSMOTHERLEY** Saturday 07 October. Bus from St. Walburga's, Shipley 8.45am, St. Augustine's, Harehills 9.30am and St. Theresa's, Crossgates 9.45am, or meet outside the Village Store, 11am. Prayers in Reparation for the Sanctity of Human Life will be prayed on the way to the Shrine. Transport available if unable to walk. Please bring a picnic lunch. Holy Hour 2pm, Vigil Mass 3pm. For further details/booking, contact Kate on 07505 767415.

**CATENIANS: FRIENDSHIP IN FAITH** Friendship in Faith in the strap line for the Catenians. It is an ideal opportunity for Catholic men to mix and socialise along with their wives and families and others with similar beliefs. The Huddersfield Circle meet socially at least once a month with a variety of functions throughout the year. Want to know more? Visit www.thecatenians.com or call Membership Officer Dennis Donnelly on 01484 606042