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Sunday 11th + SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday 11 Feb	9.30 am	SIXTH SUNDAY	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Monday 12 Feb		Weekday		
Tuesday 13 Feb		Shrove Tuesday		
WEDNESDAY 14 Feb	12noon	ASH WEDNESDAY	November Dead List 2023/24	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thursday 15 Feb		Thursday after Ash Wednesday		
Friday 16 Feb		Friday after Ash Wednesday		
Saturday 17 Feb	10.00am	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	November Dead List 2023/24	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 18 Feb	9.30 am	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Shirley Watkins [LD]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

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

PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING

28/01/2024 Week 44 - total £64.10 | Candles £9.10 | Coffee £15.00 |

04/02/2024 Week 45 - total £108.20 | Candles £10.00 | Coffee £16.10 |

BANKED – FEB 05 – £105.00 Thank you for your continued support.

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PRAYERS FOR THE KING'S HEALTH It is with a heavy heart that we have learned about His Majesty King Charles's diagnosis and subsequent treatment for cancer. In these challenging times, we extend our prayers and heartfelt wishes for His Majesty's swift and complete recovery. We stand together in offering our unwavering support and spiritual solidarity. May God's grace and healing be with the King during this difficult period. God save the King.

WEDNESDAY 14 – MASS 12NOON ASH WEDNESDAY As we observe the gradual lengthening of days, signalling the approach of spring, we are reminded of the significant religious observances that accompany this season of renewal. In the Christian calendar, the period leading up to Easter holds deep spiritual meaning, beginning with Shrove Tuesday and followed closely by Lent.

Ash Wednesday, this year falling on 14 February, marks the commencement of Lent. It is a day steeped in centuries of tradition, serving as a collective moment of penance for the

entire Church of the Roman Rite. On this solemn day, we embrace the practices of fasting and abstaining from meat as expressions of our faith and penitence.

In keeping with liturgical norms, the Penitential Act is customarily omitted at the start of the Mass on Ash Wednesday. Following the Gospel reading, there is the blessing and distribution of ashes, as outlined in the Roman Missal (RM. 234-235). These ashes, symbolizing our human mortality and penitence, serve as a physical reminder of our journey towards spiritual renewal.

I warmly invite each of you to join me at Holy Mass and receive the ashes, as we embark on this Lenten journey together. Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, 14 February at 12noon in our Parish. Additionally, an earlier Mass is scheduled at 9.30 am at Sacred Heart and St Patrick, Sowerby Bridge. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

This Lenten season offers a precious opportunity for reflection, prayer, and renewal of our faith. Let us come together as a community to observe these holy traditions and prepare our hearts for the joyous celebration of Easter.

LENT - In Lent we **pray, fast, and give.**

Can you make three Lenten promises?

1. Decide a time to **pray** each day. (Get your copy of My Day by Day Lent)
2. Choose to **fast** from something you enjoy throughout Lent.
3. Think of a way you can **give** your time to someone else each week of Lent.

How to get the Catholic Calendar app The Catholic Calendar is free. If you want, you can subscribe to Liturgy of the Hours and Mass readings from within the app, after a **free one-month trial**. In the app stores, "Catholic Calendar from Universalis" is what you are looking for.

- Get it from Google Play.
- Get it from Amazon: UK ·
- Download it directly from Universalis.
- Available only on the App Store for iPhone, iPad, and Apple Watch.

LENT GROUPS The list of the groups is now at the back of church. The groups start the week beginning 19 February. The Monday groups will all meet at the Good Shepherd at 10.00am as the groups are too big to meet in homes. The theme of the course is 'faith in films' using clips from the films with discussion and prayer. A booklet for the course will be available. The first film to be used is 'The Greatest Showman', considering 'outsiders'. Who are they? What is our attitude and that of the church?

The whole film is being shown on Saturday 17 February at Hebden Royd Methodist Church at 7pm, everybody welcome. If anyone else wishes to come to a group, please let Kay know or just turn up. It will be a very interesting and stimulating course.

CHRISTIAN AID LENT LUNCHES

Please try to support these lunches.

18 Feb	St Michael's	12.15
25 Feb	Quakers (Royd Sq)	12.15
03 Mar	Hebden Royd Methodists	12.00
10 Mar	<i>No Lunch</i>	
17 Mar	St James	12.00
24 Mar	Good Shepherd	12.00

HOSPITAL Due to some unreasonable new regulation hospital chaplains are no longer given the names and religions of any patient unless they are dying, if a relative or friend goes into either Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, or Calderdale Royal Hospital, could you please let Deacon Andrew know, (inc. Ward and bed Number): on 07986537430 or Email: andrew.phillips@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

THE GARDENS OF GOD In his recent 2023 publication, 'The Gardens of God,' His Eminence Arthur Cardinal Roche offers a profound exploration of spirituality through the lens of horticulture. This enlightening book, dedicated to his brother priests, encapsulates a series of reflections originally delivered to bishops and priests worldwide. Cardinal Roche's insightful narrative unveils the dual role of these religious leaders: not only as shepherds guiding the faithful but also as gardeners nurturing the seeds of living faith within their providentially assigned parishes or dioceses. This concept is eloquently introduced in the foreword by Fr Paul Murray OP.

'The Gardens of God' draws a symbolic parallel between the pivotal gardens in Scripture and stages of spiritual growth. Beginning with the Garden of Eden and culminating in the Garden of the Resurrection, Cardinal Roche delves into these biblical landscapes as metaphors for the soul's journey. The book artfully illustrates various spiritual experiences - from Gethsemane's sorrow to the joy found at the empty tomb, from the intimacy of an enclosed garden to the aspirational hope of paradise.

Originally conceived as retreat talks for clergy, 'The Gardens of God' transcends its initial audience, offering rich spiritual insight to all believers. Cardinal Roche invites readers to embark on a reflective journey, reimagining the act of walking with God in the garden of one's soul. This book promises to be a source of inspiration and contemplation, guiding readers through the verdant paths of faith and spirituality.

The Publisher is 'Word on Fire' (ISBN: 978-1-68578-996-1) and can be ordered from <https://uk.wordonfire.org/products/the-gardens-of-god>. It is also available as an eBook Kindle Edition via Amazon.

DIocese SAFEGUARDING TRAINING All volunteers that have had a diocesan DBS carried out have been sent an email by Julie, with a link to a CSSA safeguarding training module. Please can you complete the training at the earliest opportunity to enable us to comply with keeping our community safe. Safeguarding: psr.jtalbot@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS AGENCY (CSSA) A new Diocesan safeguarding webpage has been designed and is full of information and resources. Reporting a concern about a child or adult at risk can be done through the new website, for more information please visit <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/safeguarding/>

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LEEDS DIOCESAN JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION are you passionate about social justice? Faith and action for social justice go hand in hand. Is it time for you to do more? Come and join the Leeds Justice & Peace Commission to put your faith into action. See website for more details www.leedsjp.org.uk

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF MYTHOLMROYD RAILWAY STATION The station partnership is organising a display of history of Mytholmroyd over the past 150 years. Does anyone have any photos etc of the history of the Catholic church in Mytholmroyd that could be used? If so, please see Kay.

THE TRINITY CONFERENCE 2024: Reawakening the Catholic Vision: Saturday 17 February, 9.00am - 5.00pm, Leeds Trinity University, LS18 5HD. What is the future of our Catholic parishes, schools, and homes, when much of what we see appears in decline? TC24 will explore the implications that our Western, 'post-Christendom' society has for the Church's mission today. More info at www.trinityconference.co.uk and bookings by 09 February and or email: h.hayward@leedstrinity.ac.uk

AID TO CHURCH IN NEED PILGRIMAGE Travel the pilgrim paths of the early church in Durham, Lindisfarne, Escomb, Ruthwell and Jarrow with Saints Cuthbert and Bede. Including reflections on the persecuted Church of today and history of the early church led by our pilgrim historian Suze Mathews who specialises in Anglo Saxon history and by Fr Jeremy Howard. Opportunities for communal prayer of the Divine Office, daily Mass and devotions. 22 – 27 July 2024. More information and booking email Teresa.kehoe@acnuk.org.

MOUNT ST JOSEPH'S CARE HOME UPDATE due to the presence of Reinforced Aerated Autoclaved Concrete (RAAC) the Little Sisters of the Poor have had to make the difficult decision to close the Mount St Joseph's Care Home in Leeds. Over the next few months all **62 residents** will be found new homes and more than **90 staff** face redundancy. The Little Sisters are facing unexpected costs upwards of £500,000 to keep everyone safe until all residents are re-homed. Please visit <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/urgent-appeal/> Please keep all the Sisters, as well as the residents and their families in your prayers.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 2024 This worldwide, ecumenical, women- lead service will be held at Good Shepherd on **Friday 01 March** at 1:30pm. It has been written by Christian women of Palestine and gives insights into their lives. When they wrote the service titled. "I beg you, bear with one another in love" in 2022, little would they have imagined the turmoil Palestine would be in when this annual service of prayer was being celebrated around the world in 2024.

Please take this opportunity to join with others from our neighbouring churches and Christians across the world in prayer, music and reflection, as we pray for peace, justice and reconciliation in all areas of the world, but particularly at this time, in Palestine, the land of Jesus' birth. Let us unite in prayer for just and harmonious solutions that will bring an end to human suffering and to commit ourselves to journey with each other to achieve security and peace for all people around the world.

The service is open to all, so we do hope you can join us at 1:30 pm on **Friday 01 March** here at the Good Shepherd. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Anne Plunkett