

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 20th + TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday 20 Oct	9.30 am	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY	Missa pro populo
Monday 21 Oct		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday 22 Oct		St John Paul II, Pope	
Wednesday 23 Oct	12noon	St John Capistrano, Priest	Fr Maximilian Tillman [A]
Thursday 24 Oct		St Anthony Claret, Bishop	
Friday 25 Oct		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday 26 Oct	10.00am	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	For the sick of the parish
Sunday 27 Oct	9.30 am	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY	Missa pro populo

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

PARISH OFFERING - Average monthly SO **£1,965**

06/10/2024 Week 27 - Total £50.69 | Coffee £15.44 | Candles £7.25 | WK26 CO £0.25

13/10/2024 Week 28 - Total £114.45 | Coffee £6.50 | Candles £12.95 | WK27 CO £0.94

BANKED –October 14 – £115.00 | WK28 CO £0.39 Carried over.

TODAY SUNDAY: Collection for Association for the Propagation of the Faith

Thank you for your continued support.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY this year is on 20 October. On this day the whole Church unites in prayer for its missionary activity, and in collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world experiencing situations of poverty and conflict.

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

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

Thank you for your support it is very much appreciated.

MR ANTONY GRADY It is with great sadness to inform you that Antony died (05 October) in Overgate Hospice. Please pray for the repose of Antony's soul and for his family and friends. Funeral service for Antony Grady on **Thursday 31 October at 1.30pm**. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen

PERMANENT DIACONATE on Saturday 23 November – I invite you to join the bishop who will ordain **Mr Paul Coates** to the Permanent Diaconate, St Mary's, Halifax, 11:00am. All welcome. Please pray for Paul.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT – thank you to all who attended and prepared the quiz and food for the evening together.

FLOWER ROTA | 20 October. Liz Godfrey | 27 October. Vacant | 03 November. Mary Baldwin | 10 November. Breda and Chris Allan | 17 November Linda Oswin | 24 Nov Irene Ogden Thank you, Doris.

THE LIFE OF A PARISH PRIEST: The National Office for Vocation has produced two videos which may be of interest to parishioners and, especially, those considering a call to priestly ministry. They can be found here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/a-day-in-the-life-of-a-parish-priest/>

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL RESOURCES The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW) website has been updated with a raft of resources to help to be informed regarding the assisted suicide legislation that is currently working its way through Parliament. Resources and information available at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/> and <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/catholics-oppose-assisted-suicide/>

GET EQUIPPED likely vote on assisted suicide in Parliament before Christmas

Watch actor and disability rights advocate Liz Carr's BBC documentary on assisted suicide, Better Off Dead? where she examines the impact of one of the world's most extreme assisted suicide laws in Canada. **Watch for free online** (you do not need a TV licence): righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead

JOIN US FOR COMMUNAL PRAYER at the Good Shepherd as we gather to seek the blessing of the Holy Spirit upon the synod in Rome, its participants, especially our bishop, and beyond. We will meet on Friday— 25 October—at 12 noon. This is a special time for our community to come together in faith, and your presence would be a blessing. All are warmly welcome to join us in prayer.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION Children who are in Y3 are old enough to make their First Reconciliation, Y4 for First Holy Communion and Y6 for Confirmation. If your child is in one of these year groups and you think they're ready for this next step in their faith journey have a chat with Jo or contact on 07725 854932. If your child/young person is older than

this but wants to take part they're also very welcome, I try hard to tailor the sessions to suit everyone.

E-NEWS EDITOR VACANCY required by the Justice & Peace Commission. We need someone to actively seek out articles from across the Diocese of Leeds, edit them (occasionally write!) and upload them to the news and views sections of our website. Training in using Wordpress provided where needed. Approximately 10hrs per month @ £20 per hour. Email treasurer.jandp@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for more information

CHURCH WEEKEND We had a wonderful time at the church weekend. Building relationships, good food, fun and games, quiet times and reflection. We studied the story of Elisha and the widow's oil. 'What have you got'. 2 Kings 4:

*God only takes what we offer to Him.

*God takes what we have, however insignificant we feel, and does great things with it.

* God meets us in our weakness.

Emma wrote a beautiful meditation on this which sums up our reflections perfectly:

"How can I help? What have you got?"

There was a woman, a woman in desperate need. Her husband had died, she was in debt, she needed to sell her sons to slavery. Any one of those things would have been awful, she had all three.

Elisha spoke to her on behalf of God. How can I help you? What can I do for you?

When we are in need we turn to God for help. We ask God for things that we need - we all have many different types of need - we pray - but it's often one sided - what do I need?

But Elisha did not ask what the widow needed, he asked, 'How can I help you?'

You may have heard the phrase - Ask and you will receive

God asks every one of us - What do you want me to do for you?

Through prayer we ask for his wisdom and guidance.

We put our faith and trust in God that he will provide salvation, give us forgiveness.

We pray for solutions, we ask for practicalities - a better job, more money, a safe home

And God knows us, like he knew the widow, he knows what we need - but what does God need?

Instead of asking what he can do for us why don't we ask, 'What can we do for him?'

God wants us.

God wants to work through us.

So what have you got? What can you offer?

We may feel we have little to offer , but however small God can still use it. The widow only had a small jar of olive oil - so small, but it was big enough.

When we offer God the little we have he can transform it into great things, greater than we can ever imagine.

So what have you got?

Gifts, natural talents, skills, experience, homes, money, possessions, friends, family.

We can offer these things to God - everything we have is given to us by God - offer it back to him to use and to serve him.

In our lives - in our church

It can sometimes be uncomfortable - you can feel a bit silly. Sometimes we may feel foolish telling other people about God. Now imagine how the widow felt asking her neighbours for jars! What did her neighbours think of her?

And why did she do it? Because she trusted God, she had faith. She listened and obeyed.

And what did God do? He met her needs and did far, far more.

God's love has NO limits, what he can give us has no boundaries

So how much can you give?

Can you give yourself, give all you have, your time, your talents and let God work through you?

Just remember the widow, she had little but with faith she just 'kept pouring' and God kept providing

And in just the same way God will keep pouring his love and peace and holy spirit into us and our lives.

She just kept pouring - and when all the jars were filled she stopped

But there was no limit imposed by God. He would have filled 1 jar or a million jars.

Whatever she brought to him

So think, what do we bring to him? What have you got? Remember the more you invest in God the greater the rewards.

Whenever we make ourselves and our own resources available to God he will fill us, like he filled those jars.

So present yourself like a vessel, pray to him, let him use you for his service.

Be faithful to God and he will pour his oil - his grace and mercy on your life

So be open to God - don't limit yourself

If you only give a little, pray a little, attempt a little you will get a little, hear little and accomplish little

So ask yourself - What have you got?"

VACANCIES

Administration Assistant VACANCY: St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Pudsey, Start as soon as possible. Closing date: Tuesday, 22 October 2024. Further info:

<https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/Trust-Academy-Vacancies/>

DIOCESE OF LEEDS MUSIC VACANCY: We wish to appoint an all-round, flexible musician with keyboard skills and a vocation for Catholic music education as a Whole-Class Ensemble Director and Instrumental Tutor in our Keyboard Studies Programme. For more information, please request an application pack from

recruitment@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk or 0113 244 8634. Closing Date: Wednesday 23 October 2024, 12 noon.

Catholic Care Vacancy: Registered Children's Home Manager, £45,718 - £49,768 (depending on qualification and experience) Pay award pending. This position attracts a 'Golden Hello' of £500 in first salary payment followed by £500 on successful completion of the probation period. Permanent. Full Time. Based at Keighley. For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest-vacancies/>

New notice

Teaching Assistant VACANCY: Barkston Ash School. Permanent and part time (30hours per week). Actual Salary £16,718 - £17,523 per annum **Start date:** as soon as possible. **Closing date:** Friday, 1 November 2024.

Further info: <https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/Trust-Academy-Vacancies/>

New notice

Class Teacher KS1 (Maternity cover) VACANCY: St Joseph's Barnoldswick, Fixed term and full time. **Start date:** February 2025. **Closing date:** Friday, 22 November 2024.

Further info: <https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/Trust-Academy-Vacancies/>