

# The Good Shepherd

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## Sunday 3rd + THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Parish Mass Book Vol 2 p152f

<b>Sunday 03 Nov</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY</b>	<b>Anne Maloney [LD]</b>
Monday 04 Nov		St Charles Borromeo, Bishop	
Tuesday 05 Nov		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
<b>Wednesday 06 Nov</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Mr Paul Coates</b>
Thursday 07 Nov		St Willibrord, Bishop	
Friday 08 Nov	12noon	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
<b>Saturday 09 Nov</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</b>	<b>Elizabeth Gould [LD]</b>
<b>Sunday 10 Nov</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY</b>	<b>Missa pro populo</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 OFFERING** - Average monthly SO **£1,965**

PARISH QUIZ - **£148.15** Thank you.

Collection for Association for the Propagation of the Faith **£122.97**

20/10/2024 Week 29 - Total £331.67 | Coffee £0.00 | Candles £12.55 | WK28 CO £0.39

27/10/2024 Week 30 - Total £110.10 | Coffee £9.00 | Candles £10.10 | WK29 CO £2.06

**BANKED –October 28 – £112.00** | WK30 CO £0.16 Carried over.

Thank you for your continued support.

**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.

**FR KENNETH HAWLEY RIP** It is with great sadness to inform you that Fr Kenneth Hawley died peacefully at home on Tuesday evening (22 October) and **Mgr Peter Walton RIP**

former President of Ushaw College died on Monday 21 October. Mgr Walton will be better known to those priests of our Diocese who were at Ushaw during his time as President (1984-1991) Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER** is associated with prayer for the Holy Souls. Masses will be offered throughout the year for those whose names are on the November Dead List. Envelopes are available for this purpose at the back of the church. Please PRINT the names of your deceased relatives and friends, in an envelope together with your offering. Once the list has been closed at the end of November, the offerings are made into £10-00 Mass intentions and celebrated throughout the year. This can be handed to Fr Larkin. A total of 43 Masses were offered for the deceased relatives and friends of the parish 2023/24. Return the envelop by Sunday **24 November** thank you.

**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.

### **HOW TO GO ABOUT HAVING A MASS SAID FOR A PARTICULAR PERSON OR INTENTION**

Many of you will be familiar with the practice of seeing a Mass intention – the name of a person or a special intention – listed in our parish bulletin. Recently, however, several parishioners have asked how they might go about requesting a Mass for someone or something dear to them. I realised that, while the tradition is familiar to some, many may not know how it works. So, I'd like to take a moment to explain the custom of offering Mass intentions.

This practice is a cherished tradition within the Catholic Church, dating back almost to its earliest days. Evidence shows that by around 180 AD, early Christians were already requesting that Mass be offered for loved ones. While an ancient custom, it is often one of the more misunderstood aspects of our faith. Yet, it has been passed down through centuries because of the spiritual blessings it offers.

The Eucharistic celebration is the highest form of prayer and worship in the Catholic Church. During Mass, we join with Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, offering worship to God the Father. Pope St. John Paul II beautifully captured the power of this offering, saying, "The Church believes that she will be heard, for she prays in union with Christ her Head and Spouse, who takes up this plea of His Bride and joins it to His own redemptive sacrifice." Traditionally, Mass intentions are most commonly offered for those who have died. Just as we support and pray for each other in our earthly lives, we can also offer prayers and sacrifices to assist the souls of the departed. There is no prayer more powerful than the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

However, it is not only the deceased who can benefit from a Mass being offered. The Council of Trent teaches us that a Mass can be offered "for the living and the dead, for sins, satisfactions, and other necessities." If you know someone who would benefit from the grace and blessings of the Mass, you can request one on their behalf without delay. Likewise, we often overlook the possibility of offering a Mass in celebration. Birthdays,

anniversaries, and even answered prayers are all wonderful occasions for a Mass intention as a way of showing gratitude to God.

If you would like to request a Mass for a special intention, there are small brown envelopes available at the back of the church (or feel free to use one from home). Simply write down the intention, along with any preferred date for the Mass if you have one; otherwise, you may leave this blank. You can give the envelope to the parish priest or place it in the collection basket. While a customary offering of £10 is usually enclosed with the request, please know that financial concerns should never prevent anyone from requesting a Mass. Lastly, please remember that, in accordance with Church tradition, I regularly offer a *Missa pro populo* – a Mass for the people of the parish – for all those entrusted to my care.

**NEWS FROM THE ORCHARD** The trees have all been mulched with home-made compost which the worms will kindly dig in during the winter. There's a good amount of compost left in the right-hand bin so help yourself, anyone who could use it.

**FUNDRAISING FOR ST AGUSTINES CENTRE, HALIFAX** charity concert at Mytholmroyd Community Centre on Friday evening, 15 November. Tickets are £10 per head, and can be bought on the door, from Lee McCluskey, or online: <https://wegottickets.com/event/636417> The music will feature "The Shackletons" with a support band, playing a combination of rock, soul and folk music.

**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/>

**FOOD BANK** Barry is pleased to report a small increase in donations of food, hygiene and household products to the food bank basket in church and sends his thanks. Of course, more is always needed. There's around 1,600 'kin-carers' in Yorkshire. Many are older of pensionable age, of limited means themselves and caring for children of relatives. Currently they're not receiving the same allowances as foster carers, relying heavily on food banks. Benefits are to increase soon but still won't cover everything. Food banks will remain a lifeline for them and many more. If you can, please add 'Food Bank' to your shopping list. Just one item sourced for around a pound can make a real difference.

**FLOWER ROTA** | 03 November. Mary Baldwin | 10 November. Breda and Chris Allan | 17 November Linda Oswin | 24 Nov Irene Ogden Thank you, Doris.

**SOCIAL MEDIA USE** The internet and social media have many benefits for evangelisation and communication across the Diocese, but this must be utilised with responsibility and prudence. All contents and/or posts on a **Parish Site** remain the responsibility of the Parish Priest, therefore if administrative rights have been delegated to a third party, a protocol must be agreed.

Both Parish or Clergy's personal websites and social media sites must be lawful, abide at all times to the guidance set out in this Policy and the document of the Bishops of England and Wales "Caring Safely for Others" or the document "Integrity In Ministry" issued by the Conference of Religious of England and Wales, and in-line with the responsibility of the position of trust beholden on all ordained Ministers and Religious.

It is the policy of the Diocese of Leeds that:

- Personal social media accounts of any ordained Minister or Religious within the Diocese of Leeds, must be properly moderated to ensure any inappropriate content posted by a third party is removed and anything potentially illegal or of concern referred to the Safeguarding Team.
- That all reasonable efforts are made to ensure that the internet or social media is not used for the viewing or transmission of inappropriate images on Church property.
- Any possession, distribution or manufacturing of indecent images of children will be immediately reported to the Police and the Diocese Safeguarding Team.
- **The taking of and/or posting/display of photographs of children must only occur with the written consent of parents/carers.**

### **Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility**

- Children should not be identified by their full name in photographs and all must be mindful of the "Jigsaw" effect in regard to children's identity. This is the method for identifying a piece of information from two or more different (often unrelated) sources where the information's release was not intentional.
- An individual's home address must not be posted.
- If anyone replies or posts on any Parish social media account and indicates that they are at risk of harm or if someone appears to be at risk, this must be reported immediately to the Safeguarding Team. If it is believed that they may be in/or at risk of immediate harm, this must be reported immediately to the Police dialling 999 and subsequently to the Safeguarding Team.

**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.

**THE LISTED PLACES OF WORSHIP GRANT SCHEME** has helped fund essential repairs and improvements of our listed churches for many years, by enabling Parishes to recover VAT. The Scheme is reviewed annually in the Government's Budget. If the scheme is not renewed, many projects will no longer be viable. Please consider writing to your MP to support this vital scheme using the tool created by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/listed-places-of-worship-grant-scheme/>

**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](http://righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead)