

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 10th + THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Remembrance Sunday – Day of Prayer for all victims of war

Parish Mass Book Vol 2 p155f

Sunday 10 Nov	9.30 am	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY	Missa pro populo
Monday 11 Nov		St Martin of Tours, Bishop	
Tuesday 12 Nov		St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr	
Wednesday 13 Nov	12noon	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Bill Lavene [A]
Thursday 14 Nov		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday 15 Nov	12noon	St Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	
Saturday 16 Nov	10.00am	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	Andrew & Catherine
Sunday 17 Nov	9.30 am	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY	Anne Mackenzie

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**

PARISH QUIZ - **£148.15** Thank you.

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

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

03/11/2024 Week 31 - Total £70.50 | Coffee £6.00 | Candles £14.30 | WK30 CO £0.16

BANKED –04 November £70.00 | WK31 CO £0.66 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.

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 envelope 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.

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/>

JOIN MANCHESTER BAROQUE on **Saturday 30 November at 7pm** in Manchester Cathedral, to mark the start of Advent. Always one of the highlights of the Manchester Baroque season, Messiah is a wonderful way to mark the start of Advent and the Christmas season within the atmospheric surroundings of Manchester Cathedral.

Performers

Manchester Baroque - Performing on period instruments

Manchester Cathedral Choir

Leader: Pauline Nobes | Conductor: Christopher Stokes

Programme

Messiah - George Frideric Handel

We're very happy to offer a 25% discount on 'red' seats for our performance of Handel Messiah, until **23 November**, using the code 'hallelujah'. Book through eventbrite using the following link, and entering the code when prompted after adding tickets to the basket <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/949847347987/?discount=Hallelujah>

Another highlight of our season is our annual performance of a Bach Passion. This year, on Good Friday we will perform the St. John Passion by J.S. Bach at Manchester Cathedral with the Cathedral Choir. It tells the story of Easter following the biblical text of John, in a moving and powerful setting. The St John Passion is one of the greatest pieces of music ever written, and we will be performing it on the same day that it was originally performed 300 years ago. Finally, we're performing Bach's B Minor Mass on Sunday 30 March at Manchester Cathedral. For these two concerts we're also happy to offer the same discount code, which can be used until a month before the concert. More details on our website or by following this link <https://rb.gy/b9dlte>

WILDLIFE CALENDARS If anyone is interested, we have some wonderful wildlife calendars which local photographer Roger Docherty has produced, they are £10 each and all money received will be going to charity. Our local food bank and Medical Aid for Palestinians. If you would like one see Jo after church

FLOWER ROTA | 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.

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

THE PARISH OF ST MARY, HALIFAX with the parish of St Anne, Keighley are organising a pilgrimage to Rome for the Holy Year - from Monday 16 June – Thursday 19 of June 2025. Travel from Manchester airport and stay for 3 nights in a hotel near to the Vatican. The cost of the pilgrimage will be £990 per person. (£126 – single supplement). For a booking form or for more information, please contact Fr Hilton at St Mary's: office.stmary.haifax@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or 01422 352141