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Sunday 24th + OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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Sunday 24 Nov	9.30 am	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	Anne Atkinson
Monday 25 Nov		St Catherine of Alexandria	
Tuesday 26 Nov		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday 27 Nov	NO MASS TODAY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	-
Thursday 28 Nov		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday 29 Nov		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday 30 Nov	10.00am	ST ANDREW, APOSTLE FEAST	Very Rev Canon Patrick Hartnett [LD] [YB]
Sunday 01 Dec	9.30 am	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Paul Burns [A]

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

PARISH OFFERING - Average monthly SO **£1,912** - Thank you for your support.

10/11/2024 Week 32 - Total £99.96 | Coffee £8.80 | Candles £17.16 | WK31 CO £0.66

17/11/2024 Week 33 - Total £72.48 | Coffee £16.48 | Candles £9.00 | WK32 CO £0.62

BANKED –18 November £71.00 | WK33 CO £2.10 Carried over.

TODAY SUNDAY Collection for the Catholic Youth Service

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

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

Thank you for your support it is very much appreciated.

TAKE ACTION BEFORE - PARLIAMENTARY VOTE ON 29 NOVEMBER. It is outrageous that MPs and the wider public are only seeing this Bill barely two and a half weeks before it goes to a vote. We need to make it clear right now to MPs why publishing this Bill so late is totally unacceptable - and reiterate that they must oppose the Bill. Even if you have

emailed your MP earlier on the assisted suicide Bill, it's crucial that you contact them again on this new issue now. We have just launched an easy-to-use tool that makes it simple to email your local MP on this. The tool includes new content that we need to get in front of your MP urgently. Please take action and click the button below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds. Visit <https://righttolife.org.uk/>

NO MASS Wednesday 27 November Requiem Mass for Mrs Timlin – 11am Sowerby Bridge.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ALAN OSWIN The new Parish Mass Book: *Advent - Year C, Volume 1* (Revised Edition) has been generously donated to the church in memory of Alan Oswin. As we use these books to celebrate and pray the Holy Mass, let us remember Alan in our prayers. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Lynda for this beautiful and thoughtful donation.

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 01 December** thank you.

ADVENT CONFESSION this year will take place 14 December 2024 at St Mary's on Saturday:
09.00 - 10.00 Fr J Hilton | 10.00 - 11.00 Mgr. M McQuinn | 11.00 - 12.00 Fr M Hall
12.00 - 13.00 Fr M Larkin | 13.00 - 14.00 Fr B Owens | 14.00 - 15.00 Mgr. P Owens
15.00 - 16.00 Fr J Hilton

The Importance of Confession in Preparation for Christmas and Throughout the Year

As we approach the Advent season, a time rich with expectation and hope, the Church invites us to deepen our spiritual preparations for the celebration of Christ's birth. This year, Advent Confession will take place at St Mary's on Saturday, 14 December 2024, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. This sacred opportunity calls us to reflect on the transformative power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Confession is not merely a routine practice but a profound encounter with God's boundless mercy. Through this sacrament, we acknowledge our sins and express sincere contrition, opening our hearts to receive divine forgiveness. In doing so, we are restored to a state of grace, enabling us to draw closer to God and our community.

During Advent, as we anticipate the birth of Christ, Confession holds special significance. It mirrors the journey of spiritual renewal and light that leads us to the manger in Bethlehem. Just as the Magi and shepherds came with their humble offerings, we, too, bring our humble hearts before the Lord, seeking His love and mercy.

Moreover, while Advent Confession helps prepare us for Christmas, the sacrament's importance extends throughout the year. Regular participation in Confession strengthens our spiritual resolve, promotes inner peace, and deepens our relationship with God. It is a

continual reminder of God's infinite willingness to forgive and renew us, allowing us to live with greater integrity and joy.

I warmly invite all parishioners to take part in this Advent Confession on 14 December. Let us embrace this time of penance and grace as we ready ourselves to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, renewed in spirit and heart.

CALDERDALE HOSPITAL Because of modern data regulations it is not always guaranteed that those who work in hospitals or nursing homes will know that you are a Catholic and would like a visit from a priest and to receive of the sacraments. As such, there are cards at the back of church for you to take away and keep in your wallet and purse. You need to sign and date them and keep them on your person. They state explicitly that you are a Catholic and give permission for a priest to be called to you in an emergency. There are plenty of cards available so please feel free to take them for family and friends who may wish to make use of them as well.

NEW MASS BOOKS As you are probably already aware from the beginning of Advent this year, we will be moving to a new lectionary which will mean a whole new set of Mass books. The previous sets are now outdated and effectively useless. We have hopefully got someone who will take them away to be recycled however we wondered if people would like to have a set at home- the readings themselves have not changed but the new ones are more authentic to the original texts. These will be available on the 01 Sunday of Advent, they will be on the spare chairs underneath the Peace window, they will only be there for 2 weeks and then will be recycled.

SOCIAL MEDIA USE All content on a Parish social media site is ultimately the responsibility of the Parish Priest. Any indication of risk or harm mentioned on Parish social media must be reported to the Safeguarding Team. Immediate harm should be reported to the Police (999) and then to the Safeguarding Team. - Safeguarding is a collective responsibility.

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

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 | 24 Nov Irene Ogden Thank you, Doris.

DATES FOR THE SACRAMENTS 2025

First Reconciliation 29 March 2025 at 11am St Bernard's

Deanery Confirmation | Venue: St Malachy's Nursery Ln, Halifax HX3 5NS

Rehearsal: 25 February 2025 at 7pm | Confirmation: 4 March 2025 at 7pm

ALMOST 10 YEARS SINCE LAUDATO SI - WHAT HAS CHANGED? A Zoom meeting on 27 November at 12:00 – 13:30pm With some short inputs and the opportunity to share what is happening across northern dioceses. See www.leedsjp.org.uk for how to register and receive the link.

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.

A 25% discount on 'red' seats for the 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>

More details on our website <https://rb.gy/b9dlte>

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.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Christian Aid Big Sing

11 December in church, refreshments available. 7.00pm start.

Hebden Bridge Brass Band Christmas Concert

Sunday 15 December 2pm start

GIANNA PROJECT - BRADFORD BABY BANK CATHOLIC CARE

Each Advent we collect baby items for the above worthwhile project. As from Sunday 01 December, the customary Moses basket will be at the back of church and will remain throughout Advent for your kind donations. This year we are asked to provide baby and mother toiletries, nappies, shawls and knitted items.