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+ THE HOLY FAMILY + THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD +

Sunday 29 Dec	09-30am	THE HOLY FAMILY OPENING OF THE JUBILEE OF THE YEAR 2025 IN THE DIOCESE	Sheila Jackson [A]
Monday 30 Dec		SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE	
Tuesday 31 Dec		SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE	
Wednesday 01 Jan	NO MASS TODAY	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	09.30am*(Sowerby Bridge)
Thursday 02 Jan		Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen	-
Friday 03 Jan		The Most Holy Name of Jesus	
Saturday 04 Jan	10.00am	Weekday of Christmas Time	Yorkshire Brethren 2025 JAN
Sunday 05 Jan	09-30am	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	For Marilyn Swann [LD]

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.

15/12/2024 Week 37 - Total £69.95 | Coffee £14.30 | Candles £13.65 | WK36 CO £4.75
FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS £210. 90 | YEAR BOOKS 2025 - £5.00

22/12/2024 Week 38 - Total £136.50 | Coffee £26.30 | Candles £9.20 | WK37 CO £4.70
YEAR BOOKS 2025 - £20.00

BANKED – 23 December £140.00 | WK38 CO £1.20 Carried over.

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

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

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always. Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter. Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier. May this new year be a time of spiritual growth for us; a time of welcoming

your graces and gifts; a time for forgiving freely and unconditionally; a time for growing in virtue and goodness and holiness. Come, Holy Spirit, be with us today and always. Amen.

CHRISTMAS 2024 AND THE NEW YEAR 2025 I would like to thank you for your kindly support, cards and help as we celebrate Christmas. Let me take this opportunity to wish you and all in the district the blessings of Christmas and a Happy New Year. With my very best wishes, gratitude, and the assurance of prayers for you and those you love. Fr Larkin

IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS to inform you that Deacon Patrick Kelly, after a long illness, died yesterday afternoon (21 December) at Kirkwood Hospice, Huddersfield. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his wife, family and friends at this time. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE JUBILEE HOLY YEAR 2025 The Holy Father Pope Francis will open the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve, marking the beginning of the Jubilee Year, the theme for which is Pilgrims of Hope. In every Diocese across the world, the beginning of the Jubilee Holy Year is to be marked by the celebration of Mass in each Cathedral on 29 December 2024. Bishop Marcus will celebrate the 11:00am Mass at Leeds Cathedral on that day. Everyone welcome.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD LUNCHEON CLUB A reminder to all our guests that we will reopen on Wednesday 08 January 2025. We look forward to welcoming you back. Anne Plunkett

2025 DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS for sale at £5 each.

SCHOOL PLACES for any children needing a school place in other year groups at any time within the academic year, they are more than welcome to visit – please contact the school if you would like an appointment with the headteacher contact the school office on 01422 831360

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR IN HALIFAX On Easter Sunday afternoon, The Victoria Theatre Halifax will be staging an amateur production of Jesus Christ Superstar. Tickets are selling quickly but I wondered if a group from the Parish might like to go? The Box Office staff will allow a provisional block booking, based on an estimate of numbers wanting to attend, to be made. The plan is to assess the level of demand (if any) this weekend so that such a booking could be made next week, before tickets run out. If you would like to go, please let me know either in person after Mass this Sunday (15 December) or by emailing oswinlma2@btinternet.com by Sunday evening.

Details: Easter Sunday 20 April at 2.15pm | Ticket price: maximum £24.25

Singers/actors: Halifax Amateur Operatic Society

Venue: The Victoria Theatre, Halifax

For those wishing to book independently, the full list of scheduled performances is as follows: Maundy Thursday 17 April at 7.15pm | Good Friday 18 April at 7.15pm
Holy Saturday 19 April at 7.15pm | Easter Sunday 20 April at 2.15pm.

Many thanks. Linda Oswin

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.

ALL KINDS OF CATHOLIC - Sean Morris was invited to take part in her podcast 'All kinds of Catholic'. It goes live on 1 January but there is a link to the final edited version below.
<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2333035/episodes/16267956>

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.

Safeguarding Training

I have written to the flower and music group to complete level 1 safeguarding training. This will only take approximately 15 minutes to register and complete. If you have not received an email from myself, please can you firstly check your junk email section and if there is still nothing, please can you let me know. Thank you, Julie.

WE CAN STILL DEFEAT ASSISTED SUICIDE There is a clear path toward the assisted suicide Bill being defeated at Third Reading. Early analysis shows that at least 36 MPs supported the Bill but have concerns that mean they may vote NO at later stages.

Just 28 MPs switching their stance to NO would ensure it is defeated at Third Reading. We need MPs to know that their constituents want them to vote NO at Third Reading.

Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote to find out how your MP voted and ask them to vote against the Bill at Third Reading.

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

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.

CATENIANS Any Catholic men wishing to learn more about the Catenians can call Membership Officer Dennis Donnelly on 01484 606042.