

# The Good Shepherd

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## + THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD +

Sunday 05 Jan	09-30am	<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> At today's Mass, after the Gospel, the announcement may be made of the moveable feasts of the liturgical year.	For Marilyn Swann [LD]
Monday 06 Jan		Monday after the Epiphany	
Tuesday 07 Jan		Tuesday after the Epiphany	
Wednesday 08 Jan	12-00 noon	Wednesday after the Epiphany	Nov Dead List 2024/5
Thursday 09 Jan		Thursday after the Epiphany	
Friday 10 Jan		Friday after the Epiphany	
Saturday 11 Jan	10.00am	Saturday after the Epiphany	Miss N Purcell (1922)
Sunday 12 Jan	09-30am	+ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD +	Missa pro populo

**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 **£1,912** - Thank you for your support.

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

YEAR BOOKS 2025 - £20.00

29/12/2024 Week 39 - Total £474.40 | Coffee £47.40 | Candles £43.00 | WK38 CO £1.20

**BANKED – 30 December £475.00** | WK39 CO £0.60 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.

**THE NEW YEAR 2025** A heartfelt Deo Gratias for all the blessings, achievements, and graces of 2024! As we stand at the threshold of 2025, let us pause to give thanks to God for His faithfulness and love, which have accompanied us through the past year. I want to express my gratitude for your kindness and generosity, shown so abundantly through your cards, letters, and Christmas offerings. Your support is a source of encouragement, and I am thankful for it. As we step into this new year, let us marvel at the opportunities that newness brings—opportunities to reflect, to grow, and to renew our commitment to God and one another. A new year is a fresh chapter, brimming with the potential to deepen our faith, mend relationships, and bring light to those around us. Let us embrace this time with open hearts and a spirit of gratitude, trusting that God will continue to guide and strengthen us in the days to come.

**FOOTSTEPS** this Sunday after Mass. See you there!

**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

**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.

**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.

**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>

**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](http://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.

**FLOWER ROTA** - 12 January. Veronica Gregory | 19 January. Chris. Baker | 26 January. Vacant | 02 February. Cathy and John Duffy | 09 February. Anne and Mike Plunkett | 16 February. Patricia and Paul Newman | 23 February. Vacant