

# The Good Shepherd

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## + THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD +

<b>Sunday</b> 19 Jan	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>+ SECOND SUNDAY +</b>	<b>Gez Hodgson [A]</b>
Monday 20 Jan		St Sebastian, Martyr	
Tuesday 21 Jan		St Agnes	
<b>Wednesday</b> 22 Jan	<b>12-00 noon</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>For Marilyn Swann [LD]</b>
Thursday 23 Jan		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday 24 Jan		St Francis de Sales,	
<b>Saturday</b> 25 Jan	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass of Our Lady</b>	<b>GS Nov Dead List 2024/5</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 26 Jan	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</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** - Monthly SO **£1793.50**

05/01/2025 Week 40 - Total £38.25 | Coffee £16.50 | Candles £1.75 | WK39 CO £0.60

12/01/2025 Week 41 - Total £93.15 | Coffee £7.40 | Candles £10.35 | WK40 CO £3.85

**BANKED –13 December £97.00** | WK41 CO £0.00 Carried over. Thank you for your support.

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

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

**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

**JUBILEE OF 2025** Pope Francis has proclaimed *Spes non confundit* (“Hope does not disappoint”) as the Bull of Indiction for the Jubilee of 2025, emphasizing pilgrimage as a key

aspect of the Holy Year. Pilgrimages symbolize the human search for meaning and faith, and all are encouraged to participate in the following diocesan pilgrimages:

- Lourdes (4–10 July 2025)
- Walsingham (27 September 2025)
- Batley Torchlight Procession (6 October 2025)
- Walking Pilgrimage for Vocations (Keighley to Ilkley, 29 March 2025)
- St Wilfrid's Way Camino (Leeds to Ripon, 10–11 October 2025)

The Diocese of Leeds has designated ten churches as Jubilee Pilgrimage Churches, chosen for their accessibility, historical significance, and capacity. They include:

1. Leeds Cathedral (St Anne's)
2. St Mary of the Angels, Batley
3. St Patrick's Mission, Bradford
- 4. St Mary's, Halifax**
5. St Patrick's, Huddersfield
6. St Joseph's, Keighley
7. St Austin's, Wakefield
8. St Wilfrid's, Ripon + Our Lady of the Crag, Knaresborough
9. St Stephen's, Skipton
10. St Edward the Confessor, Clifford

These churches will offer special liturgies, devotions, and heritage events throughout the Holy Year.

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

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE.** HMD 2025 marks the **80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau**, the largest Nazi death camp of the Holocaust, during which 6 million Jews were murdered. This year will also mark the **30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia**. HMD 2025 can be an opportunity for people to learn from and about the past and take actions to make a better future for all. On **Sunday 26 January** the eve of Holocaust Memorial Day there will be a special Service of Evensong at **Halifax Minster** starting at **4.00pm**. The guest speaker will be Rabbi Douglas Charing (visiting Rabbi of Bradford Synagogue). This year Holocaust Memorial Day commemorates the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp. All are welcome.

Also, you may be interested to know that on Sunday 06 April, as part of a bigger Lenten programme, Kim Leadbeater MP will be in conversation with Bishop Smitha Prasadam (Anglican Bishop of Huddersfield) on the subject of the Assisted Dying Bill followed by a Q & A. This will also be at Halifax Minster. I'm not sure of all the detail yet but it is probably something to get on your radar. Visit <https://hmd.org.uk/>

**FLOWER ROTA** - 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

**2025 DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS** for sale at £5 each.

**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

**SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE** We are delighted to be hosting our first Safeguarding Conference on Saturday 8 February 2025, 10-3pm at Hinsley Hall. To date guest speakers include the Comboni Survivors Group, Hydrant Programme and Dementia Friendly Churches. It would be a great opportunity to be part of the discussion and sharing of information, to book your place please email [safeguarding@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**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 NEW ENGLISH LECTIONARY** Some years ago the Bishops of England and Wales decided to change the translation being used for the readings at Mass, from the Jerusalem Bible (which has been used for as long as most of us can remember) to something called the English Standard Version, which is yet another descendant of the RSV. Finally, the changeover was made in December 2024. From now on, at Mass in England, Wales and Scotland, the new ESV texts are being used. Universalis contains the new ESV texts for England, Wales and Scotland. All you need to do is make sure that your local calendar is set to one of these countries and your app is up to date. Sunday Missals are available from the Catholic Truth Society (ISBN 978-1784697990) and Hodder & Stoughton (ISBN 978-1399822770 and 978-1399822831). Visit [universalis.com](http://universalis.com) and you'll find a Podcasts button at the top right – well worth your time.

**CATHOLIC CARE VACANCY** Mental Health Outreach Support Worker, £24,404 - £25,584 pro rata. 23 hours per week. Based in Leeds. For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest-vacancies/> or email your CV to [recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk)