

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 9th + FIFTH SUNDAY

Sunday 09 Feb	09-30am	FIFTH SUNDAY	For Jason [B]
Monday 10 Feb		St Scholastica	
Tuesday 11 Feb		Our Lady of Lourdes	
Wednesday 12 Feb	12noon	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Raymond Kitcher [A]
Thursday 13 Feb		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday 14 Feb		SS CYRIL, MONK, AND METHODIUS, BISHOP AND PATRONS OF EUROPE	
Saturday 15 Feb	10-00am	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	GS Nov Dead List 2024/5
Sunday 16 Feb	09-30am	FIFTH SUNDAY	Missa pro populo

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

PARISH OFFERING - Monthly SO **£1793.50** - decline (of £171.50)

26/01/2025 Week 43 - Total £88.55 | Coffee £17.00 | Candles £8.10 | WK42 CO £4.45

02/02/2025 Week 44 - Total £117.50 | Coffee £33.50 | Candles £7.00 | WK43 CO £3.00

BANKED –03 February £120.00 | WK4 CO £0.50 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

TODAY The 2nd collection for the Lourdes fund after all Masses in the Diocese to coincide with the anniversary of the 1st apparition -11 February 1858.

SCHOOL PLACES for any children needing a place in other year groups at any time within the academic year, please contact the Sacred Heart School office on 01422 831360

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT – pencil in the date of Friday 07 March (6.30pm) in your diaries. Now that Christmas seems a distant memory and the lighter nights will soon be upon us, let us

all join together for another exciting social evening of trivia! So, get swotting up on your general knowledge and rebus puzzles! Tea, coffee, juice, and a pie & pea supper will be served. It's a bring your own booze event.

Ticket price £5 per person or £15 per family (2 adults + 2 children or 1 adult + 3 children). Virtual tickets can be purchased from Julie & Jo following Sunday Masses.

THE RITE OF ELECTION and Call to Continuing Conversion will take place on the 1st Sunday of Lent, 09 March at 2:30pm, Leeds Cathedral.

CHRISM MASS This is a reminder that the celebration of the Chrism Mass will be at 11:00am on the Wednesday of Holy Week (16th April) at the Cathedral.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND DIACONATE

Pray for the following men currently in formation for the Priesthood in the Diocese of Leeds: Rev Philip Thornley (Pontifical Bede College, Rome) and Stephen O'Hara (St Mary's College, Oscott).

Pray for the following men currently in formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Leeds:

Stephen Procter Parish of Sacred Heart and St Joseph, (Year 1)

Danny Murphy Parish of St Joseph, Brighouse (Year 3)

Jack Clark Parish of St Robert, Harrogate (Year 4)

Dominic Williams Parish of St Peter and Paul, Sandal (Year 4)

FLOWER ROTA - 09 February. Anne and Mike Plunkett | 16 February. Patricia and Paul Newman | 23 February. Vacant

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WE CAN STILL DEFEAT ASSISTED SUICIDE Please visit

<https://unherd.com/newsroom/kim-leadbeater-is-shielding-the-assisted-dying-bill-from-scrutiny/> Analysis shows that at least 36 MPs supported the Bill but have concerns that mean they may vote NO at later stages. 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 7.00pm | Confirmation: 4 March 2025 at 7.00pm

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

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.

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.

LEEDS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025 Friday 4th – Thursday 10th July flying from Leeds/Bradford airport. Alternatively Thursday 3rd -10th July flying from Stansted airport (with coach transfer if enough passengers). Please book with Tangney Tours Tel: 01732 886666 Further information www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/lourdespilgrimage/

VACANCIES

CATHOLIC CARE CEO VACANCY: Salary £80,000 to £90,000 pro rata, depending on experience. Based in Leeds. Our ideal candidate will possess strong personal values with the vision and skills for leadership and a passion for caring for people in need and improving people's lives. They will have significant experience of leadership and developing and delivering strategy. For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest-vacancies/>, email or speak to Katrina on 0113 388 5400 or send your CV and cover letter to Katrina.greenhalf@catholic-care.org.uk . Closing date 9 February 2025.

HINSLEY HALL DUTY MANAGER/RECEPTIONIST VACANCY - Hinsley Hall is part of the Diocese of Leeds operating as a Hotel, Conference and Retreat Centre. Working as part of a small team to oversee the day to day running of the reception desk and being part of the receptionist team, dealing with daily conference and hotel guests. Benefits include free meals on duty/car parking. More details and an application form at www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies Closing date: Monday, 17 February 2025.