



# The Good Shepherd

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## Sunday 9th + FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 09 March	09-30am	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Deceased of Flynn & Lynch Families
Monday 10 March		Weekday of Lent	
Tuesday 11 March		Weekday of Lent	
<b>Wednesday 12 March</b>	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	Weekday of Lent	Funeral Service Sowerby Bridge for Austin Higgins @11am
Thursday 13 March		Weekday of Lent	
Friday 14 March		Stations of the Cross @ 12noon	
<b>Saturday 15 March</b>	<b>10-00am</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>	<b>For Margaret of Gort House [A 1986]</b>
<b>Sunday 16 March</b>	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>Anne Mackenzie [LD]</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** -

23/02/2025 Week 47 - Total £106.90 | Coffee £13.60 | Candles £15.30 | WK46 CO £1.30

02/03/2025 Week 48 - Total £52.30 | Coffee £23.70 | Candles £8.60 | WK47 CO £3.20

**BANKED –03 March £55.00** | WK48 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**

**PLEASE NOTE - NO MASS \*WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH\* –**

### CONGRATULATIONS TO JAMES ON HIS CONFIRMATION

**POPE FRANCIS** is receiving treatment for bilateral pneumonia at Rome's Gemelli Hospital. Pope slept well overnight after two respiratory insufficiencies. The clinical condition of the Holy Father remained stable. He did not experience episodes of respiratory failure or bronchospasm. He remained alert, cooperative with therapies, and oriented. The prognosis remains guarded. He was admitted on Feb 14. He is in our thoughts, in our prayers.

**SACRED HEART** invite all parishioners to join us during Holy Week we share the Easter story. On Sunday 13 June, our youngest children in reception will share 'Palm Sunday' at Sacred Heart & St Patrick's.

We also warmly invite you to join us on the below dates which will take place in school:

- 'Last Supper' – presented by Year 2 – on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 9:15am
- 'Garden of Gethsemane' – presented by Year 3 – on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 9:15am
- 'Crucifixion' – presented by Y6 – on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 14:45 (School will close for the Easter break immediately following this)
- 'Resurrection' – presented by Year 4 – after the holidays on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 14:40

**Mrs Alexandra Hudson-Crook** - Headteacher

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held on Fridays at the Good Shepherd during Lent. As the World Day of Prayer will be on the first Friday, Stations will begin on Friday, 14 March at 12 noon.

**LENT HOUSE GROUPS** lists are at the back of church groups start week beginning 10 March 2025.

**LENT LUNCHESES** All start at 12noon.

March 9 St Michael's  
March 16 Hebden Royd Methodists  
March 23 The Quakers  
March 30 no lunch  
April 6 St James's

An opportunity to meet with members of other churches

**CATHOLIC CARE'S ANNUAL APPEAL** will take place across the weekend of 29 and 30 March 2025. Like many other charities, Catholic Care is facing significant financial challenges, and we would ask you to give as generously as you are able, to enable us to continue our work in helping those in need across the Diocese. If you can make a regular contribution you can set up a standing order. Bank details are: Catholic Care (Diocese of Leeds) 05-00-20; 11472611. If you are a UK taxpayer and would like to Gift Aid your donation, please contact us for a Gift Aid form: [finance@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:finance@catholic-care.org.uk) or see the Annual Appeal leaflet available at the back of church

**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

**CHRISM MASS** The annual Chrism Mass will take place on Wednesday of Holy Week (16 April) at Leeds Cathedral at 11:00am. The sacred oils of Chrism, Catechumens and the Sick, used throughout the Diocese, will be blessed at the annual celebration. Our priests will also renew their priestly promises. All welcome to attend.

**WE CAN STILL DEFEAT ASSISTED SUICIDE** update you on the progress of Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill and share some very concerning news with you about its ongoing scrutiny in Parliament. Thank you to everyone who has written to their MP.

**SENSIBLE AMENDMENTS REJECTED** During line-by-line scrutiny; MPs have had the opportunity to table amendments to the Bill. So far, over 80 amendments, which were proposed by MPs who are concerned that the supposed safeguards in the Bill are not strong enough, have been considered by the Committee and, in every case, rejected. Astonishingly, today, this included the assisted suicide Committee rejecting amendments,

supported by a number of eating disorder charities, designed to explicitly prevent people with anorexia from being eligible for assisted suicide, as they have been elsewhere.

The same Committee also rejected an amendment that would have required someone to have a consultation about palliative care options before being able to have an assisted suicide, so that all other options are made available to them. This was voted down.

**CENTREPIECE 'SAFEGUARD' REMOVED** The *Independent* reported that, during the Second Reading debate, 60 MPs identified the High Court judge safeguard as an important reason for their support, with a further 20 pointing to the necessity of "judicial oversight".

Since the announcement that Leadbeater would scrap this key "safeguard" in her Bill, five major national newspapers - *The Independent*, *The Times*, *The Telegraph*, the *Daily Mail* and *The Sun* - have run editorials that raise serious concerns about the Bill.

Most importantly, a number of MPs who supported the Bill have indicated to *The Times* that they are having second thoughts about voting for the Bill at Third Reading.

**WHAT'S NEXT?** We now have only 54 days left until 25 April, the date when it is currently expected that the Bill will be voted on at Third Reading. This is when we will have an opportunity to ensure that this dangerous Bill is defeated. Thank you for taking the time to read through this update and do keep up the great work that I know so many of you are doing to ensure this dangerous assisted suicide Bill is defeated. Take action now and visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/ASBillAction](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASBillAction) to write to your MP - it takes just 30 seconds!

### **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

Confirmation: 4 March 2025 at 7.00pm

**THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR** – Ladies and Gentlemen come and join the Sacred Heart & St. Patrick's Ladies Group on a festive adventure! Our trip will take place from Sunday 07 December to Tuesday 09 December at a cost of £345 per person (half-board). We plan to fill a 56-seater coach, allowing us to travel directly to our destination without any en-route pick-ups. For more details about the spectacular visit the Thursford website at [www.Thursford.com](http://www.Thursford.com) or contact Marion (Chair of the Ladies Group) at 07873 907645. Posters are displayed on church noticeboards where you can add your name and contact details to register your interest. We look forward to sharing this magical experience with you!

### **UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY NEWSPAPER**

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**CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE** On Saturday 17 May, there will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral at 12noon for couples and their families celebrating their 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. There will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows during the liturgy. If you are celebrating the anniversary of your wedding and you would like to take part in this celebration, please fill out the application form which is available at the back of church and send it to the Bishop's Secretary: Miss Anne Cooke, Bishop's House, 13 North Grange Road, Leeds, LS6 2BR or Email it to: [bishop.secretary@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:bishop.secretary@dioceseofleeds.org.uk), by Friday 2 May 2025

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING** An email has been sent to some of the readers, welcomers, coffee group and luncheon club volunteers to complete level 1 safeguarding training. This will only take approximately 15 minutes to register, read 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 contact me asap. Thank you, Julie.

**LEEDS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025** Friday 04 – Thursday 10 July flying from Leeds/Bradford airport. Alternatively, Thursday 03 -10 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/](http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/lourdespilgrimage/)