



# The Good Shepherd

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## Sunday 30th + LAETARE SUNDAY - MOTHERING SUNDAY

<b>Sunday 30 March</b>	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>LAETARE SUNDAY</b>	<b>For my yet unborn nephew (IM)</b>
Monday 31 March		Weekday of Lent	
Tuesday 01 April		Weekday of Lent	
<b>Wednesday 02 April</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>	<b>GS Nov Dead List 2024/5</b>
Thursday 03 April		Weekday of Lent	
<b>Friday 04 April</b>		<b>Stations of the Cross @ 12noon</b>	
<b>Saturday 05 April</b>	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>	<b>GS Nov Dead List 2024/5</b>
<b>Sunday 06 April</b>	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>Andre &amp; Angela</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 ~ **£1728.50** – (decrease from ~ **£1773.50**)

16/03/2025 Week 50 - Total £90.80 | Coffee £11.70 | Candles £9.60 | WK49 CO £0.26

23/03/2025 Week 51 - Total £98.94 | Coffee £36.14 | Candles £7.30 | WK50 CO £1.06

**BANKED –24 March £100.00** | WK51 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**

**TODAY** Collection for Catholic Care.

**APPOINTMENT TO THE CATHEDRAL CHAPTER OF CANONS** Bishop Marcus has appointed Fr Larkin to be a Canon of the Chapter of St Anne’s Cathedral, Leeds. Canon Larkin will be installed at the Cathedral by the Bishop and Provost on Tuesday, 27 May, at 12:30 pm. Bishop Marcus will preside at the Mass. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held on Fridays at the Good Shepherd during Lent. Stations on Friday, 21 March at 12 noon.

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

**LENT LUNCHES** All start at 12noon - April 6 St James's. An opportunity to meet with members of other churches

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**HALIFAX DEANERY CONFESSIONS – Saturday 12 April** in St Mary's.

Confessions will be heard by the clergy of the deanery from **9am – 4pm**.

**PALM SUNDAY – Sunday 13 April – 9:30AM**

The liturgy gives us a preview of the events we will celebrate in the Easter Triduum. The passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus are the focus of this and every Sunday celebration. The Profession of Faith is said. The Proper Preface is used (RM. 311-312).

**CHRISM MASS**

At 11:00am on **Wednesday 16 April** at Leeds Cathedral.

I hope you can join the Bishop for Holy Mass – please be seated by 10:45am.

**THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

The Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday and includes Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday.

**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Holy Thursday 17 April – 7:30pm**

Mass of the Lord's Supper – Watching before the Altar until 9:00pm.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – Friday 18 April – 9:30AM**

A Day of Fasting and Abstinence.

**EASTER 2025**

I invite you to join me at the Sacred Heart & St. Patrick's, Sowerby Bridge, for the **Mass of Easter Vigil – Saturday 19 April at 7:30pm**.

The celebration of the Easter Vigil begins in darkness, all the lights in the church having been put out. The candles are used twice: first during the entrance procession and the singing of the Exsultet, and secondly during the renewal of baptismal promises.

**EASTER SUNDAY – Sunday 20 April**

- **Good Shepherd Mytholmroyd – 9:30AM**
- **Sacred Heart & St. Patrick – 11:00AM**

The Paschal Candle is placed near the ambo or near the altar and kept there for the whole Easter Time until the end of Pentecost Sunday.

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**WE CAN STILL DEFEAT ASSISTED SUICIDE** The Bill's sponsor, Kim Leadbeater, promised meaningful scrutiny at Committee Stage and claimed her Bill would have the "strictest safeguards anywhere in the world". Unfortunately, proceedings at Committee Stage have shown these promises to be hollow. Well over 300 amendments that sought to strengthen safeguards in the Bill and that would have protected vulnerable groups were rejected by Kim Leadbeater and other Bill supporters. This included rejecting amendments that would have: Explicitly protected people with Down's syndrome, autism and learning difficulties under the Bill.

Prevented doctors from raising assisted suicide with patients unprompted, including children under the age of 18.

Prohibited assisted suicide in cases where a person has been encouraged or manipulated into a request or where a request has been made under "undue influence", putting the victims of domestic abuse at risk. This reveals a deliberate preference for a loose Bill, allowing for future expansion - something I am sure you are aware has happened with

similar laws overseas. 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. Even if you have already emailed your MP asking them to oppose this Bill, it's important that you email them again. Take action now and visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/ASBillAction](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASBillAction) to write to your MP - it takes 30 seconds!

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL** invite all parishioners to join us during Holy Week we share the Easter story. On Sunday 13 April, 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 April at 9:15am
- 'Garden of Gethsemane' – presented by Year 3 – on Wednesday 16 April at 9:15am
- 'Crucifixion' – presented by Y6 – on Wednesday 16 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 May at 14:40

**Mrs Alexandra Hudson-Crook** – Headteacher

**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

**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.

**BCPYOUTH** are presenting "Les Misérables: School Edition" - a compelling story, fantastic music and an incredibly talented young cast - not to be missed. Ticket Prices: £20 Adults, £15 Under 18s. Show Dates: 2 - 5 April 2025, Venue: Bradford Ukrainian Club, BD7 2EA [ticketsource.co.uk/bradfordcatholicplayers](http://ticketsource.co.uk/bradfordcatholicplayers), [bcptickets@live.co.uk](mailto:bcptickets@live.co.uk) | 07305 632 513

### **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 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)

If you are celebrating one of these special Anniversaries and you would like to take part in this celebration, please fill out this form and return it by Friday 2 May 2025.

**Please complete the following:**

**Wife's First Name:** .....

**Wife's Surname:** .....

**Wife's Maiden name:** .....

**Husband's First Name:** .....

**Husband's Surname:** .....

**Address:** .....

**Postcode:** .....

**Email:** .....

**Telephone Number:** .....

**Date of Marriage:** .....

**Place of Marriage:** .....

*(Please include the name, town and county of the church in which you were married)*