



**The Parishes of
Cleckheaton & Heckmondwike**
**Serving the Churches of Our Lady of
Unfailing Help & St. Paul of the Cross,
Cleckheaton**
& The Holy Spirit, Heckmondwike.



	The Church of Our Lady of Unfailing Help & St. Paul of the Cross	The Church of The Holy Spirit
Saturday 16/05	6.30 pm Carolyn Field (A) <i>(Without a congregation)</i>	4.30 pm Sick Person (AC) <i>(Without a congregation)</i>
Sunday 17/05 6th Sunday of Easter	11.30 am People of the Parish <i>(Without a congregation)</i>	9.30 am Special Intention (CPG) <i>(Without a congregation)</i>
Monday 18/05 Pope St. John I	9.30 am Andrew Letham (B'day A) <i>(Without a congregation)</i>	11.00 am Funeral Service for the repose of the soul of Terry Hopkins (Heckmondwike Cemetery)
Tuesday 19/05 St. Dunstan	No Mass	9.30 am Brendan Pollard (LD) <i>(Without a congregation)</i>
Wednesday 20/05 St. Bernadine of Siena	9.30 am Rob Reynolds (LD) <i>(Without a congregation)</i>	No Mass
Thursday 21/05 The Ascension	9.30 am Denis (John) O'Sullivan (LD) <i>(Without a congregation)</i>	12.00 noon Easter & Christian Unity <i>(Without a congregation)</i>
Friday 22/05 St. Rita of Cascia	No Mass	9.30 am Colleen Grogan (LD) <i>(Without a congregation)</i>
Saturday 23/05	12 noon Dead List 2018 <i>(Without a congregation)</i> 6.30 pm Robert Brook (LD) <i>(Without a congregation)</i>	4.30 pm Ann Kilroy (80th B'day A) <i>(Without a congregation)</i>
Sunday 24/05 7th Sunday of Easter	11.30 am Oliver Burke (LD) <i>(Without a congregation)</i>	9.30 am People of the Parish <i>(Without a congregation)</i>

Important websites which are up-dated frequently:

stpaulscleckheaton.wordpress.com dioceseofleeds.org.uk

holyspiritheckmondwike.co.uk

GOV.UK (Coronavirus (COVID-19))

We pray for those whom God has called back to Himself recently: Brendan Pollard, Terry Hopkins & Fr. David Drake-Brockman (Retired Priest of the Diocese of Leeds)

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: Carolyn Field & Canon John Joseph Burns
The sick and those caring for them; we recall especially: Susan Smith, Agnes Clark, Margaret Crowther, Hilda Logush, Billy Forde, Carole Morris, David Oldroyd, Katie Gallagher-Peel, Antoni Labadz, Baby Myles Wood & Fr. Michael Sullivan.

Please give any names of those with anniversaries occurring to Fr. Nicholas for inclusion on the Newsletter & Prayers of the Faithful a couple of weeks before the actual anniversary date. Thank you !

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Sanctuary Lamp Intentions: For the Intentions of Parishioners (St. Paul's) & In Memory of Andrew Letham (B'day A) (Holy Spirit): There is an opportunity in both churches for the weeks' Sanctuary Lamp to be lit for the intentions of Parishioners. (Sanctuary Lamps are available from the back of our churches; please write the intention on the candle; payment (£3) may be put into the Piety Box.)

Cycle of Prayer: Divine Office Psalter Week 2 (+ Seasonal Proper for Eastertide)

Mass Intentions Received: Helen Oldroyd (LD) X2, Health & Well-Being (Wood & Hart Families)

Streamed Daily & Sunday Masses from Leeds Cathedral. Each **Weekday at 10.30 am** & each **Sunday at 11.00 am**

Holy Mass is being live-streamed from our Cathedral Church of St. Anne in Leeds. This can be accessed on:

www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk or via a link on <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/cathedral>

The **Angelus** is also being live-streamed each Weekday at **12 noon**, followed by the praying of the **Rosary**
these can be access via the websites already stated.

Nationally, Holy Mass from Walsingham can been watched live (12 noon each day) or viewed later on:

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream> & Mass is available on the EWTN TV channel:

<https://www.ewtn.com/> The Holy Father's Daily Mass (celebrated in Italian with English translation) is also available on the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxIsefy19g9A5GWA4FyGIA/featured>

Eastertide. (a) Please try to observe the time that you'd normally attend Holy Mass by joining in prayer with those you live with or, if you live by yourself, with others in spirit, by prior arrangement through a 'phone conversation with them, so benefitting from the Spiritual Communion of the Liturgical Act being celebrated in our churches. (b) Vatican II called our homes the "Domestic Church" so please continue to display an Altar, containing a religious image, to highlight the faith foundation of your home environment. This is a great memory making gift to youngsters in a household. At each Mass celebrated, Fr. Nicholas recalls in prayer our parishioners & their intentions; candles are also lit for these & loved ones.

Readings, Liturgy of the Hours & Reflections. Websites are helping maintain a connection with the Readings of Holy Mass & other devotional activities. These include *Universalis* which is available on <https://universalis.com/> The Wednesday Word at: <https://www.wednesdayword.org/> Further to which the U.S. version of "Magnificat" is on-line for free providing Mass Readings, a daily meditation etc. at <https://us.magnificat.net/free>

No Internet? Be united in prayer with others by phoning a friend(s) & agreeing to pray at a certain time of the day (perhaps everyday), enabling you to feel more spiritually connected with others. It goes without saying that our global & national families are very much in need of prayer. Please bring to God in prayer those would like to turn to Himself themselves, but whose Frontline work with the NHS & wider caring profession leaves them too fatigued or worn out to do so.

Funerals. Please continue to hold those who have died in prayer, together with their families & loved ones. A written note of sympathy or a telephone call can mean so much to bereaved families facing Funerals celebrated in a manner which is very different from what we are used to. Sometimes we have to think of what it is to walk in the shoes of others; circumstances such as we are living through are giving us that opportunity. If you wish to send a card / note / letter of sympathy to a family, Fr. Nicholas is very willing to act as the postman, delivering any sent to or left at either Presbytery.

Mass Intentions. Mass Intentions may be handed-in (via the letterboxes at either Presbytery) & will be celebrated on dates requested & at times given on the Newsletter so that parishioners can be united in prayer with their intentions.

Mass for the Sick, NHS Font-Line workers & those working in Social Care. For the next 2 Thursdays at 7.00 pm a Catholic Bishop will be celebrating Mass in their Cathedral for these intentions; a link to view these is at: cbcew.org.uk

Sick Visits. Currently Fr. Nicholas can only undertake **emergency** & **urgent** house-calls at the request of families.

Helping Hands / Caring Voices. If you find yourself in need of some practical assistance i.e. shopping / collecting medication / or simply someone to speak to on the 'phone etc. please contact Fr. Nicholas as he has a list of parishioners willing to help you out in practical & supportive ways !

Finances. (a) Thank you to those parishioners who deliver their Collection Envelopes to our Presbyteries. This is an enormous help in keeping our day-to-day running costs fluid. (b) Please contact Fr. Nicholas by either phone or e-mail if you wish to set up a Standing Order. Looking ahead to a time when our churches re-open it could be that our normal cash collections are difficult to manage from a health & safety perspective, so setting up a Standing Order maybe a good alternative to cash. (c) **Text Giving.** It is now possible to make a contribution of £5.00 to our Parish collections by Text Giving; simply text CHURCH HEC to 70500 (for Holy Spirit) or text CHURCH CLEC to 70500 (for St. Paul's). There is also a Donate Button on our webpage for direct giving. Thank you to those who have used this method to contribute to Parish funds. On average our parishes benefit from over £1000.00 per month which is given in a 'loose collection' (ie. not Envelopes), clearly in the current circumstances this amount is no longer coming in, so Text Giving or using the Donate Button may be a way that you can help support our faith communities financially & with little effort.

Diocesan Schools Singing Programme. Daily virtual singing lessons are available for primary age schoolchildren each day at 2.00 pm on www.schoolssingingprogramme.org.uk (this includes sacred music, RE & Music curriculum learning). It is being led by the Diocesan Choral Directors. **Holy Spirit School.** Please pray for school staff, at all levels, who are working to assist 'key-worker' parents at this time & who are doing a brilliant job !

Government Guidelines. For the sake of us all please adhere to the guidance being given by Government Agencies.

Newsletter. Please print-off a copy of the Newsletter for neighbours & post it in their letterbox (during daily exercise).

Thanks!