



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



|  | <b>The Church of Our Lady of Unfailing Help<br/>&amp; St. Paul of the Cross</b>   | <b>The Church of The Holy Spirit</b>   |
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| <b>Saturday 19/12</b>  | 6.30 pm People of the Parish  | 4.30 pm Mary Gillard (LD)  |
| <b>Sunday 20/12 4th<br/>Sunday of Advent (B)</b>                             | 11.30 am Clare (LD) & Peter Collins   | 9.30 am Doreen Summerscales (LD)   |
| <b>Monday 21/12 st.</b>  | <b>9.30 am</b> Lily Rushforth (A)   | No Mass  |
| <b>Tuesday 22/12</b>   | No Mass   | <b>9.45 am</b> Hilda Dobson (LD)<br><b>1.45 pm</b> <i>Requiem Mass for the repose of the<br/>soul of Kathryn White (Invited congregation)</i>  |
| <b>Wednesday 23/12<br/>St. John of Kanty</b>                                 | <b>10.15 am</b> John Robertson (A)  | <b>9.00 am</b> <i>Funeral Service for the repose of<br/>the soul of Wojciech Chrzan (Dewsbury Moor<br/>Crematorium) (Invited congregation)</i> |
| <b>Thursday 24/12<br/><i>The First Masses of the<br/>Lord's Nativity</i></b> | <b>10.15 am</b> Vera (A) & Ted Tidmarsh<br><b>6.30 pm</b> Dennis, Michael & Mark<br>Ormondroyd<br><b>12.00 pm Midnight</b> Dead List 2019 | <b>4.30 pm</b> Tim Riordan<br><i>(ALL seats for our Christmas Vigil / Day<br/>Masses must be pre-booked)</i>                                   |
| <b>Friday 25/12</b>  | <b>11.30 am</b> Dorothy Hird  | <b>9.30 am</b> Eileen Callaghan (LD)   |
| <b>Saturday 26/12<br/>St. Stephen</b>  | <b>12 noon</b> Paddy Cowzin (LD)<br>6.30 pm Special Intention (Daly)  | 4.30 pm John Henry (LD)  |
| <b>Sunday 27/12 Feast<br/>of the Holy Family (B)</b>                         | 11.30 am Birth Thanksgiving (ECC)   | 9.30 am People of the Parish   |

**Important websites which are up-dated frequently:** [cbcew.org.uk](http://cbcew.org.uk) [holyspiritheckmondwike.co.uk](http://holyspiritheckmondwike.co.uk)  
[stpaulscleckheaton.wordpress.com](http://stpaulscleckheaton.wordpress.com) [dioceseofleeds.org.uk](http://dioceseofleeds.org.uk) [GOV.UK](http://GOV.UK) (Coronavirus (COVID-19))  
**Dial-A-Mass.** A weekly Sunday Mass can be listened to at anytime on 01642—130120 (charged local rate)

**We pray for those whom God has called back to Himself:** Bernard Talbot, Brian Montgomery,  
Wojciech Chrzan & Kathryn White  
**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including:** Vera Tidmarsh, John Robertson, Lily Rushforth,  
Muriel Ellis, Fr. Edward Horkin, & Fr. Frank Carroll  
**The sick and those caring for them; we recall especially:** Susan Smith, Agnes Clark, Margaret Crowther,  
Billy Forde, Carole Morris, David Oldroyd, Katie Gallagher-Peel, John Byrne, Nellie Dipper, Roger Meehan,  
Nora Naughton, Michael McAuley, Violet Beevers & Baby Myles Wood  
*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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Webpage: [stpaulscleckheaton.wordpress.com](http://stpaulscleckheaton.wordpress.com) + *The Diocese of Leeds is a Registered Charity (No. 249404)* +  
**Parish Safeguarding Representative: Mary Letham 01924—401579 (Diocesan Coordinator: 07515 598523)**

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)                      Parish Mass Book Page: (Texts for Mass Page: 7ff.)**  
**Weekend 19th / 20th December 2020      See the Universalis App on our websites for Sunday/Daily Readings**

**Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:** *The Logush & Offner Family Intentions (St. Paul's) & In Memory of Chris & Margaret McLaughlin (Holy Spirit):* If you would like a Sanctuary Lamp to be lit for an intention please write the name of the intention on an envelope (containing a payment of £3) & place it in the [Collection Baskets](#) when you come to Mass or [through either Presbytery Letterbox](#). Thank you.

**Divine Office Psalter:** Week 4      **Mass Intentions Received:** Michael Rothwell (LD), John Henry (LD), LilyRushforth (A), Special Intention (CPG), Doreen Fletcher X4, (Dead List Masses have also been received)

**Streamed Daily & Sunday Masses from Leeds Cathedral.** Each **Weekday at 12.30 am** & each **Sunday at 11.00 am**

Holy Mass is available on: [www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk](http://www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk) or <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/cathedral>

Holy Mass from Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham can be watched live (12 non each day) or viewed later on <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream>

**The Re-opening of our Churches.** Covid-19 remains a real threat to us all & we have a collective responsibility to care for ourselves & one another. Sadly the virus has claimed the lives of parishioners, left others gravely ill & has been contracted by others in varying strengths. We must remain vigilant & this involves us all. Therefore some changes have been made in regard to the precautions that we have in place to ensure parishioners can gather in our Covid-safe churches. These will affect all Masses & are as follows:-

- (a) The Church Porch is where Parishioners are asked for their name / phone number etc. Only ONE household is able to stand in the Church Porch at a time. Everyone else must queue (at a social distance of 2 meters) outside.
- (b) Hand-Sanitisation must be done by everyone entering our churches.
- (c) Parishioners are asked to sit where directed by our volunteer Stewards. (At St. Paul's this will also include the use of the chairs at the far end of pews).      (d) For weekend Masses: ALL parishioners are expected to be **seated in church by 25 minutes past the hour** i.e. 5 minutes before Mass begins in order for everyone to spiritually prepare for Mass (including Stewards & Fr. Nicholas). Booked seats **WILL NOT** be reserved beyond 20 minutes past the hour.

**Christmas Masses.** (a) In order to avoid having to turn people away from our churches due to their Covid-safe restricted seating, **ALL seats must be booked on-line or by telephone.** (b) The Bishop has suggested that parishioners attend just ONE Mass over the Christmas weekend i.e. from Christmas Eve—Sunday 27th December to allow as many people as possible to come along to Mass in churches that have reduced capacity. **Christmas Readers & Stewards.** Thank you to those who have volunteered for these Ministries. **Spiritual Communion.** If you are still unable to come to Mass in person please join us through a time of prayer at home. A prayer to help you benefit from Spiritual Communion is the **Prayer of St. Alphonsus:** *My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.*

**Carols On-line.** (a) This Advent we were due to host a Christmas Concert by "Chordiality". This is now in the diary for next year ! However, "Chordiality" have recorded a special on-line broadcast of Carols for you to enjoy at home. It is available on their website: [www.chordiality.com](http://www.chordiality.com) or at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVhogKY\\_020](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVhogKY_020) (b) A Carol Service marking the 150th Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Mary's Church, Batley, is available at: <https://www.stmarybatley> (c) The Diocesan Choirs invite you to sing Carols with them **THIS Sunday 20th December** at 3.00 pm. A link is available on the Diocesan Webpage to **CAROLS@HOME**

**Welcome** into God's Family, the Church, Mia Olivia Crossley, who was baptised at St. Paul's Church last Saturday.

**Card Delivery.** Thanks to the recent delivery of cards in Heckmondwike £100 has been raised for Parish Funds.

**Diocesan Directories 2021.** The new Directory is now available (£4). Please ask Fr. Nicholas if you would like a copy.

**Funerals.** The number attending a church Funeral is **not to exceed 30.** All attendees must be invited by the family.

**Stewards.** More stewards are required to meet our safety needs ! If you can help please contact Fr. Nicholas ASAP.

**Financial Appeal.** An **Appeal** is being made to parishioners who have not returned to church (& who **do not** use either Collection Envelopes or a Standing Order) to assist with the financial support our churches by taking out a Standing Order. These forms can be downloaded from either of our websites. Please complete as directed & return to Fr. Nicholas.

**Thank you** to those parishioners who faithfully deliver their Envelopes to our Presbyteries. Your generosity is very much appreciated at this difficult time & helps to support our Parish, School & Diocesan family.

**Dead List 2020.** The Parish Dead List remains open. Kindly leave Envelopes through either Presbytery letterbox.

**Holy Spirit Primary School Admissions Consultation.** A consultation process is taking place in regard to the defined Catholic school catchment areas for pupils from the Cleckheaton area. Please visit the following website for further details / information: [holyspiritprimary.co.uk/new-admissions-consultations-202223](http://holyspiritprimary.co.uk/new-admissions-consultations-202223)

**Mass Intentions.** These may be handed-in via either Presbytery letterbox. Mass Cards are obtainable by request.

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

**Text Giving** Makes it possible to contribute £5.00 to our Parish collections by simply texting CHURCH HEC to 70500 (for Holy Spirit) or texting CHURCH CLEC to 70500 (for St. Paul's). A Donate Button on our webpages allows direct giving.

**Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School Governors.** Currently we are seeking Governors with skills in Education, HR or with a Legal background. For further information please speak with Mr. John Cooper (Head) 01924—400820.

**Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School.** Parents of children born between 01.09.2016-31.08.2017 now need to register them for a Reception Class place at Holy Spirit Primary School. The closing date for registration is **15th January 2021.** You need to apply on-line at [www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions) & an additional **Governors Supplementary Admissions Form** (available from the school office) must also be completed. Further details from Holy Spirit School 01924—400820.