



**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 11/12	6.30 pm People of the Parish	4.30 pm Unity of Christians & Easter
Sunday 12/12 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent (C)</i>	11.30 am Diamond (60th) Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving (G & R Murtagh)	9.30 am Ann Bowe (LD)
Monday 13/12 <i>St. Lucy</i>	9.30 am Private Intention	No Mass
Tuesday 14/12 <i>St. John of the Cross</i>	No Mass	9.45 am James Kelly (A)
Wednesday 15/12	10.00 am Mary Clayton (A)	No Mass
Thursday 16/12	10.15 am Mary & William McHale	2.15 pm In Thanksgiving for Holy Spirit School
Friday 17/12	No Mass	9.45 am Michael Burke (LD)
Saturday 18/12	12 noon Deirdre Folan (LD) 6.30 pm Peter Lemon	4.30 pm People of the Parish
Sunday 19/12 <i>4th Sunday of Advent (C)</i>	11.30 am Clare & Peter Collins	9.30 am Birthday Thanksgiving (PH) 3.00 pm <i>A celebration of Christmas in music & readings by Chordiality</i>

Important websites which are up-dated frequently: cbcew.org.uk holyspiritheckmondwike.co.uk
stpaulscleckheaton.wordpress.com dioceseofleeds.org.uk GOV.UK (Coronavirus (COVID-19))

We pray for those whom God has called back to Himself recently:

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: James Kelly, Mary Clayton & Victor Smith
The sick and those caring for them; we recall especially: Susan Smith, Agnes Clark, Margaret Crowther, Carole Morris, David Oldroyd, Katie Gallagher-Peel, John Byrne, Nellie Dipper, Nora Naughton, Michael McAuley, Patrick Hird, Mary Hobson, Margaret Lees, & Trevor Wood

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

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The Third Sunday of Advent (C) Parish Mass Book Page: 87ff (Texts for Mass Page: 7ff.)

Weekend 11th / 12th December 2021 See the Universalis App on our websites for Sunday/Daily Readings

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions: For the Intentions of C & A (St. Paul's) & In Memory of James Kelly (A) (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 3 (+ Seasonal Proper)

Mass Intentions Received: Patrick Sharry (B'day A), Doreen Fletcher X4

Streamed Daily & Sunday Masses from Leeds Cathedral. Each **Sunday at 11.00 am** Holy Mass is available on:
www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk or https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/cathedral

Health & Safety. The Government announcement of the move to Plan B in England concerning steps to mitigate Covid-19 infections & reduce the risk of transmission stated that "From **Friday 10th December, face-coverings will become compulsory in most public indoor venues, such as places of worship.**" Therefore all parishioners (unless exempt on health grounds) are kindly asked to wear a face covering when attending any Liturgical celebration in church. We continue to (a) ask those entering our churches to Sanitise their Hands, (b) wear Facial Coverings when singing to reduce aerosol or droplet spread, (c) Ventilate buildings well & (d) maintain a good general standard of Cleaning in order to maintain safe environments in which to worship.

From Parish to Mission & The Synod of Bishops. It remains possible to complete the questionnaire on-line (via the Diocesan webpage) or by scanning the QR code on the posters displayed in our churches.

November Dead List 2021. The Dead List for 2021 has now closed. During the course of the coming year 56 Masses will be celebrated for the family & friends of the Donors.

Singing Group. The singing group will gather THIS Wednesday 15th December at 6.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you would like the Sacrament of Reconciliation please make an appointment with Fr. Nicholas. As the Reconciliation spaces in our churches are not adequately ventilated, other locations will be offered.

Congratulations & all very best wishes are extended to Gwen & Ron Murtagh (Gomersal) who celebrate their Diamond (60th) Wedding Anniversary on December 16th. Ad multos annos !

Festive Event. "Chordiality" will be presenting their Christmas Musical Concert in Holy Spirit Church NEXT Sunday 19th December (3 p.m.) Tickets (£10) are now available from both of our churches & will be available on the door.

Home Visits for Holy Communion. It would be good to re-establish the custom of taking Holy Communion to the housebound of our Parish Communities. In order for this to continue it is important to ask those parishioners who would like to benefit from this to make themselves known to Fr. Nicholas. The individual or a family member are invited to contact Fr. Nicholas directly. Due to legislation surrounding matters of personal privacy third-party requests (i.e. from a friend /neighbour etc.) cannot be accepted without prior permission from the individual concerned.

Welcome into God's Family, the Church, Rafi Ron Stevens who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday at St. Paul's Church.

First Sacrament Preparation for Children in non-Catholic Schools. It is hoped to resume Sacramental Preparation for children in non-Catholic education once more in 2022 at St. Paul's. The names & contact details of children in Years 3+ (Reconciliation), Year 4+ (1st Holy Communion) & Year 6+ (Confirmation) may be given to Fr. Nicholas. The expectation is that these children & their parents will be regular church attendees & be familiar with the Mass. If you are the parent of a child who falls into this grouping please ensure that you are beginning the process of returning to Mass. There are numerous publications (available on web-sites) which will assist children to become familiar with the Mass. Perhaps these could be stocking-fillers at Christmas !

Christmas Mass Times. The following Masses will be celebrated as we recall the birth of Christ: Vigil Masses on Friday 24th December (Christmas Eve) 4.30 p.m. (Holy Spirit) & 6.30 p.m. (St. Paul's); Midnight Mass 12.00 midnight (St. Paul's); Saturday 25th December (Christmas Day) 9.30 a.m. (Holy Spirit) & 11.30 a.m. (St. Paul's).

Ministers of the Word for Christmas. From THIS weekend lists are available (as you come into church) for our Ministers of the Word to sign, indicating at which Christmas Mass they will be able to assist with their ministry.

Diocese of Leeds Year Book. The Year Book for 2022 is now available from our Piety Stalls. Please make the payment (£4) at the Piety Stall. **Christmas Cards** are on sale from both of our Piety Stalls. **N.B.** Please ensure that items are paid for prior to being taken away ... it helps balance the weekly books!

Collection Envelopes. At this time of the year new collection envelopes are ordered from a printing firm. If you normally use envelopes but have not availed of them in the last year new boxes will NOT be ordered unless you contact Fr. Nicholas by the end of December.

Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School. If your child was born between 01.09.2017-31.08.2018 you now need to register them for a place in a Reception Class at primary school. We would love to welcome you to our Catholic primary school which serves the communities of both Heckmondwike & Cleckheaton. The closing date for registration is 15th January 2021. You need to apply on-line at www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions & you must also complete an additional **Governors Supplementary Admissions Form** (available from the school office or downloaded from the school website). A Certificate of Baptism will also be required. For further details please contact Holy Spirit School 01924—400820.

Text Giving It is 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.