



**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 04/12	6.30 pm Pat Tracey (LD)	4.30 pm People of the Parish
Sunday 05/12 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent (C)</i>	11.30 am Harry Bleakley (A)	9.30 am Margaret McLaughlin (B'day A)
Monday 06/12 <i>St. Nicholas</i>	9.30 am Private Intention	No Mass
Tuesday 07/12 <i>St. Ambrose</i>	No Mass	9.45 am Andrea Healey
Wednesday 08/12 <i>Immaculate Conception of BVM</i>	10.15 am Thanksgiving (K)	No Mass
Thursday 09/12	10.15 am Bernadette Waite (LD)	2.15 pm Nora Newman <i>(Key Stage 2 Mass—Parishioners welcome !)</i>
Friday 10/12	No Mass	9.45 am Michael Burke (LD)
Saturday 11/12 <i>St. Damasus I</i>	12 noon Special Intention (C & A) 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)

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: Monsignor John Moran (Retired Priest of the Diocese of Leeds; Curate at St. Paulinus Dewsbury 1956—1960)

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: Harry Bleakley & Fr. Thomas Parkin

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 Second Sunday of Advent (C) Parish Mass Book Page: 85ff (Texts for Mass Page: 7ff.)

Weekend 4th / 5th December 2021 See the Universalis App on our websites for Sunday/Daily Readings

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions: A Special Intention (Stephen) (St. Paul's) & In Memory of Margaret McLaughlin (B'day 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 2 (+ Seasonal Proper)

Mass Intentions Received: Margaret McLaughlin (B'day A), Vera (A) & Ted Tidmarsh X2

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 continuing **advice** offered by our Diocesan Health & Safety Officer encourages us 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 by using detergents on hard surfaces especially touch points (i.e. door handles etc.) in order to maintain safe environments in which to worship.

Second Collection. Thank you for the generous response to the retiring collection taken for the Peru Mission last weekend which amounted to £233.55 (Holy Spirit £108.40 & St. Paul's £125.15).

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 will be closing THIS weekend. Please ensure that all Dead List Envelopes are put into the Collection Baskets over the weekend.

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.

Singing Group. The singing group will gather THIS Wednesday 8th 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.

Crafting-Sewing Bees. The Crafting-Sewing Bees will meet again THIS Wednesday 8th December at 10.45 a.m. (after Mass) in St. Paul's Hall. New faces, skills, talents & ideas always welcome !

Christmas Cards. Cards are now on sale from both of our Piety Stalls. **N.B.** Please ensure that items are not taken away without payment by asking that they be put to one side for you to collect later ... it helps balance the weekly books!

Festive Event. "Chordiality" will be presenting their Christmas Musical Concert in Holy Spirit Church on Sunday 19th December (3 p.m.) This will include items sung by the choir, soloists, & some congregational singing too, as well as a number of Readings. There will be no interval in the programme, which is expected to last for about one hour. Tickets (£10) are now available from both of our churches. Refreshments will be served afterwards in Holy Spirit School hall.

Goods for Sale. A selection of Christmas items i.e. Nativity Scenes, Christmas Wrapping Paper, Hats for children, etc. will be on sale at the back of St. Paul's Church again THIS weekend (4th/5th December). All proceeds to church funds.

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 begin 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.

Crafting-Sewing Bees. A very sincere word of thanks to all who supported the recent Christmas Coffee Morning & Sale of Work which raised £720 for Parish Funds. Lists of Raffle Prize winners are on display in both church porches.

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.

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. 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 NEXT weekend lists will be available 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.