



**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
<b>Saturday 10/12</b> 3rd Sunday of Advent (A)	<b>6.30 pm</b> People of the Parish	<b>4.30 pm</b> In Thanksgiving
<b>Sunday 11/12</b>	<b>11.30 am</b> Thanksgiving for Successful Surgery (GM)	<b>9.30 am</b> Michael Preston (LD)
<b>Monday 12/12</b> Our Lady of Guadalupe	<b>9.30 am</b> Andrea Healey	No Mass
<b>Tuesday 13/12</b> St. Lucy	No Mass	<b>9.45 am</b> James (A) & Bridget Kelly ( <b>9.15 am Exposition</b> )
<b>Wednesday 14/12</b> St. John of the Cross	<b>12 noon</b> Peter Higgins (LD) <i>(Followed by a Soup Lunch in the Hall)</i>	No Mass
<b>Thursday 15/12</b>	<b>10.15 am</b> Special Intention (TW) <i>(9.45 am Exposition)</i>	<b>2.15 pm</b> Dead List 2022 <i>(Whole School Mass in Church)</i>
<b>Friday 16/12</b>	No Mass	<b>9.45 am</b> John McGrath (LD)
<b>Saturday 17/12</b>	<b>12 noon</b> Dead List 2022 <b>6.30 pm</b> Special Intention (R& MC)	<b>4.30 pm</b> Special Intention (CK)
<b>Sunday 18/12</b> 4th Sunday of Advent (A)	<b>11.30 am</b> Special Intention (C&A)	<b>9.30 am</b> 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 at local rate)

**We pray for those whom God has called back to Himself recently:** Agnes Waring  
**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** James Kelly  
**The sick and those caring for them; we recall especially:** Margaret Crowther, Susan Smith, David Oldroyd, Katie Gallagher-Peel, John Byrne, Nellie Dipper, Nora Naughton, Patrick Hird, Mary Hobson, Trevor Wood, David Hodgson, Daisy Ann Morton, Marie Healey, Tony Walker & Pat Castlehouse  
*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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**Parish Safeguarding Representative: Mary Letham 01924—401579 (Diocesan Coordinator: 07515 598523)**

**The 3rd Sunday of Advent (A) Parish Mass Book Page: 88ff (Texts for Mass Page: 7ff.)**  
**Weekend 10th / 11th December 2022 See the Universalis App on our websites for Sunday/Daily Readings**

**Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:** *The Intentions of the Preece Family (St. Paul's) & No Intention (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

**Mass Intentions Received:** Patricia Hutton (B'day A), Peter Hartley (A), John Roberston (A), Margaret Honeybell (B'day A), Special Intention (R&A), The Pettifer Family Intentions, Bruce Travis (LD)

**Streamed Daily & Sunday Masses from Leeds Cathedral.** 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>

**Health & Safety.** The finest guidance comes from the Lord Himself who said: "Love your neighbour as yourself" (Mark12:31) when it comes to the best health, safety & hygiene practices within our church families.

**Holy Spirit Christmas Fayre.** Thank you to ALL who have generously contributed to the various appeals for donations to be made towards the Christmas Fayre. All donations have been gratefully welcomed. Further details next week.

**Second Collection.** Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the recent second collection taken for the Peru Mission Fund which raised £206.29 (St. Paul's £108.30 & Holy Spirit £97.99)

**Soup Lunch.** A Soup Lunch will be held THIS Wednesday 14th December in St. Paul's Hall after the 12 noon Mass. Tickets (£3) remain available after weekend Masses.

**Singing Group.** The group will meet again THIS Tuesday 13th December at 6 pm in St. Paul's Church.

**Christmas Ministers.** Lists seeking Ministers of the Word & Ministers of the Eucharist for our Christmas Masses are now available for Ministers to sign depending on their availability to offer their services.

**Volunteer Decorators.** Very many thanks to Christopher Smith & his fellow 02 colleagues who very kindly refreshed the paintwork in St. Paul's Hall on Monday. Their time, willingness & skills are much appreciated.

**Crafting-Sewing Bees Christmas Coffee Morning.** Many thanks to those who supported the recent Christmas Coffee Morning which raised a magnificent £650.00 for Parish Funds. A list of Raffle Prize winners is to be found in the porch of both churches (all the winners have been contacted & the prizes claimed).

**St. Paul's 100 Club.** Very many thanks to all those parishioners who have supported the 100 Club at St. Paul's for the last ten weeks & congratulations to the 10 winners ! Subscriptions will resume in the new year.

**Christmas Raffle for both Heckmondwike & Cleckheaton.** To date the Raffle has raised £1300.00 (split between both churches £650.00 each). A list of prize winners from the Draw made during Fayre will be available THIS coming week.

**Dead List 2022.** During the coming year 58 Dead List Masses will be celebrated for the family & friends of donors.

**First Sacramental Preparation for Children in Non-Catholic Schools.** The names & contact details of children in Non-Catholic education are now being sought in order to begin their Sacramental preparation in 2023. The details of Year 3+ (Reconciliation), Year 4+ (1st Holy Communion) & Year 6 (Confirmation) children may be given to Fr. Nicholas. The basic expectation is that these children & their parents will be regular church attendees & be familiar with the Mass. There are numerous publications (available via web-sites) which will assist children to become familiar with the Mass but nothing is better than parents & family members setting an example to their children. Please give your details (names of both child & parents, child's date of birth, address, & contact telephone number) to Fr. Nicholas by Sunday 22nd January 2023.

**Sacrament of Confirmation for Holy Spirit School Children.** Preparation of our Year 6 children for the Sacrament of Confirmation (to be celebrated as a Deanery on January 26th 2023) is underway. The expectation is that these children & their families will attend a weekend Mass; last weekend 6 out of 21 children attended Mass. In footballing terms Gareth Southgate wouldn't have given the remainder a ticket to fly to Qatar !

**Home Visits for Holy Communion.** If parishioners would like to receive Holy Communion at home they or a family member are asked to contact Fr. Nicholas directly. Prior to any visit Fr. Nicholas will take a Covid-19 Test & observe protocols that continue to be in place in some residential / nursing homes.

**Food Bank Donations.** Receptacles are available at the back of both of our churches for donations of food / toiletries. **N.B.** Any financial contributions made to the Cleckheaton Food Bank until the end of January 2023 will be doubled through the partnership that the Food Bank has with "Match it !" Any such donations should be given to Fr. Nicholas directly & not just left with food donations.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation.** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment with Fr. Nicholas.

**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.

**Christmas Mass Times.** The Mass times for Christmas Eve (Saturday 24th December) will be 4.30 pm (Holy Spirit), 6.30 pm (St. Paul's), Midnight (at Midnight ! At St. Paul's), & on Christmas Day (Sunday 25th December) Mass will be celebrated at 9.30 am (Holy Spirit) & 11.30 am (St. Paul's).

**Diocese of Leeds Yearbook 2023.** The new Yearbooks are now available from our Piety Stalls priced at £4.00.

**Holy Spirit Catholic Primary Academy Admissions.** If your child was born between 01.09.2018-31.08.2019 you now need to register them for a place in a Reception class at primary school. We would love to welcome your child to our Catholic primary school which serves the communities of both Heckmondwike & Cleckheaton. The closing date for registration is 15th January 2023. Parents 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 or to download from the school website) needs to be completed. Proof of Baptism will be required. For further details please contact school on 01924-400820