



**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 17/12</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b> Special Intention (R& MC)	<b>4.30 pm</b> Special Intention (CK)
<b>Sunday 18/12 4th Sunday of Advent (A)</b>	<b>11.30 am</b> Special Intention (C&A)	<b>9.30 am</b> People of the Parish
<b>Monday 19/12</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>9.45 am</b> Thanksgiving (89th B'day PH) <b>(9.15 am Exposition)</b>
<b>Tuesday 20/12</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> <i>Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Agnes Waring</i>	No Mass
<b>Wednesday 21/12 St. Peter Canisius</b>	<b>10.45 am</b> John Robertson (A) <b>(9.45 am Exposition)</b>	No Mass
<b>Thursday 22/12</b>	<b>10.15 am</b> Vera (A) & Ted Tidmarsh	<b>2.15 pm</b> Violet Beevers (A)
<b>Friday 23/12 St. John of Kanty</b>	No Mass	<b>9.45 am</b> Patricia Hutton (B'day A) & Margaret Honeybell (B'day A)
<b>Saturday 24/12 Christmas Eve (A)</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> Dead List 2022 <b>6.30 pm</b> People of the Parish <b>Midnight</b> Dorothy Hird	<b>4.30 pm</b> Tim Riordan
<b>Sunday 25/12 Christmas Day (A)</b>	<b>11.30 am</b> Peter Higgins (LD)	<b>9.30 am</b> The Pettifer Family Intentions

**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, Mavis Secker & Fr. Michael Nealon (PP of Queensbury 1994—2016) **And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Victor Smith, Vera Tidmarsh, Violet Beevers, John Robertson, Lily Rushforth & Fr. Edward Horkin  
**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 & Fr. Gerald Creasey  
*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 4th Sunday of Advent (A) Parish Mass Book Page: 91ff (Texts for Mass Page: 7ff.)**  
**Weekend 17th / 18th December 2022 See the Universalis App on our websites for Sunday/Daily Readings**

**Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:** *No Intention (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 4      **Mass Intentions Received:** Lily Rushforth (A), Doreen Fletcher X4, Peter Higgins (LD), Special Intention (102nd B'day Thanksgiving), Kate Prendergast (LD), Violet Beevers (A), Patrick Sharry (B'day A)

**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 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 in any way helped, contributed & supported the recent Fayre which proved to be a great success both socially & financially. Receipts on the day totalled £1743.00. Grateful thanks to Messrs. John Cooper (Headteacher) & Mike Guy (Caretaker) for allowing us to use the school premises; to musicians & singers from school (directed by Mrs. Jefferson), & to Santa Claus for taking time out of his busy schedule to be with us.

**Christmas Raffle for both Heckmondwike & Cleckheaton.** The Raffle raised a magnificent £1410.00 (split between both churches £705.00 each); lists of prize winners are on display in each church.

**Christmas Mass Times.** Please share your knowledge of the times of our Christmas Masses with your family members, neighbours & Catholic friends who usually join us at this time of the year. Times are to be found on our websites, Newsletter, and on the outside Noticeboards of both churches.

**Soup Lunch.** Very Many thanks to those who supported the Soup Lunch held at St. Paul's on Wednesday which raised £170.00 (£85.00 for Parish Funds & £85.00 to CAFOD). Thanks to Janice & Dave for the delicious soups !

**Singing Group.** The group will meet again THIS Tuesday 20th 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 remain available for Ministers to sign depending on their availability to offer their services.

**Day of Reconciliation at St. Anne's Cathedral, Leeds.** THIS Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December (7.00 a.m.—7.00 p.m.) clergy will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our Cathedral Church in Leeds. There will also be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day.

**Christmas Decorating.** It is hoped to festively decorate St. Paul's Church THIS Wednesday (after Mass) for which some help would be appreciated.

**Coughs & Colds.** To prevent the spread of germs facial coverings & hand sanitisers remain available in both churches .

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

**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 8 out of 21 children attended Mass.

**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. Thank you to those who have contributed to either collection points & also for the generous financial donations received for the Cleckheaton Food Bank.

**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.

**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