



**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 24/12 <i>Christmas Eve (A)</i>	6.30 pm People of the Parish Midnight Dorothy Hird	4.30 pm Tim Riordan
Sunday 25/12 <i>Christmas Day (A)</i>	11.30 am Peter Higgins (LD)	9.30 am The Pettifer Family Intentions
Monday 26/12 St. Stephen	10.00 am Private Intention	No Mass
Tuesday 27/12 St. John the Evangelist	No Mass	10.00 am Special Intention (102nd B'day Thanksgiving IH) (Bank Holiday)
Wednesday 28/12 <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	10.15 am Fr. Bernard Funnell (LD)	No Mass
Thursday 29/12 St. Thomas Beckett	10.15 am The Crowl Family Intentions	2.15 pm Doreen Flectcher
Friday 30/12 The Holy Family	No Mass	9.45 am Kate Prendergast (LD)
Saturday 31/12	12 noon Dead List 2022 6.30 pm People of the Parish	4.30 pm Joseph Mitchell
Sunday 01/01 <i>Mary, The Mother of God (A)</i>	11.30 am Mavis & Bill Henry	9.30 am Monica Mooney (A)

Important websites which are up-dated frequently: cbcew.org.uk holyspiritheckmondwike.co.uk
stpaulscleckheaton.wordpress.com dioceseofleeds.org.uk 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: Mavis Secker & Sheila Fox
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Fr. Frank Carroll & Monsignor Robert MacGregor
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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The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) (A) Parish Mass Book Page: 98ff (Texts for Mass Page: 7ff.)
Weekend 24th / 25th December 2022 See the Universalis App on our websites for Sunday/Daily Readings

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions: For the Intentions of The Minich & Reid family (St. Paul's) & For a Sick Person (TH) (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 1 (+Seasonal Proper) **Mass Intentions Received:** Agnes Warring (LD) X9, Monica Mooney (A), John Hirst (A), Special Intention (MP), Joseph Mitchell, Stephen Cahill (LD), Denis, Mark & Michael Ormondroyd, Mavis & Bill Henry

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.

A Christmas Wish from Fr. Nicholas. A blessing to all Parishioners & their loved ones: "The light of the Christmas star to you; the warmth of home and hearth to you; the cheer & goodwill of friends to you; the joy of the song of heavenly angels to you; the love of the infant of Bethlehem to you & may God's peace find a welcome home in your heart."

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.

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 & a few prizes remain unclaimed.

Christmas Trees. The Christmas Trees in our churches have been generously donated by the Directors of George Brooke (Funeral Directors) Ltd. of Dewsbury. **Christmas Thanks.** Very many thanks to those parishioners who have given their time & energies to making our churches look so festive for Christmas, & to those who regularly give of their time to clean & enhance our churches & Liturgies in a variety of ways that all too often come to be expected !

Singing Group. The group will NOT meet again until Tuesday 10th January at 6 pm in St. Paul's Church.

Bank Closures & Standing Orders. The Diocese of Leeds banks with HSBC & in recent years all of our local branches have closed (Mirfield, Heckmondwike, Batley, Dewsbury & Cleckheaton) meaning that we now deposit at the Brighouse branch of HSBC. In May of 2023 this too will close, with customers being asked to use branches in Huddersfield or Bradford. Whilst it is possible to deposit money at some Post Offices, there are obvious security issues with this & the use of a bank remains Fr. Nicholas's preference. In light of this, & with a good many parishioners already using Standing Orders instead of Collection Envelopes to give to our churches, those not using this method to contribute are invited to think about doing so. Standing Order Mandates can be obtained from Fr. Nicholas.

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

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. With preparation of our Year 6 children for Confirmation (to be celebrated as a Deanery on January 26th 2023) underway there is an expectation is that, together with their families, these children will attend a weekend Mass; last weekend 9 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.

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

Food Bank Donations. Receptacles are available at the back of both of our churches for donations of food / toiletries.

N.B. All 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. Thank you to those who contribute to either collection points & for the generous financial donations received so far.

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 & 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

Holy Spirit Catholic Primary Academy. In the final week of the term, our primary school was visited by OFSTED Inspectors. We await the outcome of this, but are grateful to our dedicated staff for all that they do in order to provide a high quality Catholic education to our young people. During the RE Inspection (Section 48) which took place in July 2022 the school was rated Outstanding.