



**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 31/12</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b> People of the Parish	<b>4.30 pm</b> Joseph Mitchell
<b>Sunday 01/01</b> <i>Mary, The Mother of God (A)</i>	<b>11.30 am</b> Mavis & Bill Henry	<b>9.30 am</b> Monica Mooney (A)
<b>Monday 02/01 ss.</b> <i>Basil &amp; Gregory</i>	<b>10.00 am</b> Private Intention <i>(Bank Holiday)</i>	No Mass
<b>Tuesday 03/01</b> <i>The Holy Name of Jesus</i>	No Mass	<b>9.45 am</b> John Hirst (A) <i>(9.15 am Exposition)</i>
<b>Wednesday 04/01</b>	<b>10.15 am</b> Peter Hartley (A) <i>(9.45 am Exposition)</i>	No Mass
<b>Thursday 05/01</b>	<b>10.15 am</b> Lily Rushforth (A)	<b>2.15 pm</b> Special Intention (MP)
<b>Friday 06/01</b> <i>The Epiphany</i>	<b>12 noon</b> Robert Brook (A) <i>(Holy Day of Obligation)</i>	<b>9.45 am</b> Sick Person (MS) <b>2.15 pm</b> Dead List 2022 <i>(Whole School Mass in Church)</i>
<b>Saturday 07/01 st.</b> <i>Raymond of Penyafort</i>	<b>12 noon</b> Patrick Sharry (B'day A) <b>6.30 pm</b> Denis, Mark & Michael Ormondroyd	<b>4.30 pm</b> Chrissie Adleigh (LD)
<b>Sunday 08/01</b> <i>The Lord's Baptism (A)</i>	<b>11.30 am</b> John McNally (LD)	<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:** Mavis Secker, Sheila Fox & Fr. Robert (Bob) Whiteside (Leeds & All Hallows College. Dublin) **And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Monica Mooney, Peter Hartley, John Hirst, Robert Brook, John Wainwright, Jack Maston & John Collins  
**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, David Hodgson, Daisy Ann Morton, Marie Healey, Tony Walker, Pat Castlehouse, Fr. Gerald Creasey & Pope Benedict XVI  
*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 Feast of Mary, the Mother of God (A) Parish Mass Book Page: 109ff (Texts for Mass Page: 7ff.)**  
**Weekend 31/12/2022/ 01/01/2023 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 2 (+Seasonal Proper) **Mass Intentions Received:** Robert Brook (A) X2, For Prayers Answered (C&A), Special Intention (C&A), Jean Blenner-Hassett (LD), Sick Person (MS) X2,

**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.

**Christmas Thanks.** Fr. Nicholas would like to express a sincere word of thanks to all those parishioners who worked so hard to make our Christmas Liturgies so memorable & special, not least those who helped to clean and decorate our churches, provided the gifts of music & song, & our Ministers of Word (especially the Christmas Story tellers Tiya, Melvin, Max & Samuel) & Eucharist. Thank you one & all. **And Personally.** May I offer my thanks to everyone who so kindly sent greetings cards, offered gifts, contributed so generously to the Christmas Offerings which form a part of my personal income from the churches, & spoke so warmly of the Liturgies celebrated. May the Love that entered the world in the darkness of the first Christmas night fill your heart today & each day of 2023 bringing the much needed illumination of hope & joy to our world. In addition to which I wish you health, contentment & peace.

**Second Collection.** A Second Collection will be taken NEXT weekend for the Diocesan Lourdes Fund.

**New Rotas.** New Rotas for the Ministers of the Eucharist at Holy Spirit & for those who wash the Altar Linen at St. Paul's are now available / on display.

**Sacrament of Confirmation for Holy Spirit School Children.** A meeting for the parents of Year 6 children preparing for Confirmation will be held THIS Thursday 4th January at 6.00 p.m. in Holy Spirit Church. Full attendance is expected.

**From the Registers.** During 2022 the following entries have been made in our Parish Registers: (Holy Spirit) Baptisms 10 (11), Marriages 3 (2) Funerals 12 (8), Confirmations 15 (19) & Receptions into the Faith 1 (0); (Our Lady & St. Paul) Baptisms 12 (21), Marriages 0 (2), Funerals 17 (15), Confirmations 3 (0), & Receptions into the Faith 1 (0): The figures in brackets ( ) are those for 2021. It is noteworthy that of the Baptisms at St. Paul's 10 were babies less than a year old.

**Soup Lunch.** The next Soup Lunch at St. Paul's will be held on Wednesday 18th January; tickets (£3) NEXT weekend.

**Christmas Raffle for both Heckmondwike & Cleckheaton.** Some prizes remain unclaimed; please check your tickets !

**Christmas Trees.** The Christmas Trees in our churches have been generously donated by the Directors of George Brooke (Funeral Directors) Ltd. of Dewsbury.

**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 (i.e. names of both child & parents, child's date of birth, address, & contact telephone number) of Year 3+ (Reconciliation), Year 4+ (1st Holy Communion) & Year 6 (Confirmation) children may be given to Fr. Nicholas by Sunday 22nd January 2023.

**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. The closing date for this is 15th January 2023.

For Admission Applications for Holy Spirit Catholic Primary Academy please contact school on 01924-400820 ASAP

**A New Year Thought.** And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way." So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.