



**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 07/01</b>	<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
<b>Monday 09/01</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> Maria Richardson (A)	No Mass
<b>Tuesday 10/01</b>	No Mass	<b>9.45 am</b> Nora Newman ( <b>9.15 am Exposition</b> ) <b>1.45 pm</b> <i>Funeral Service for the repose of the soul of Sheila Fox</i>
<b>Wednesday 11/01</b>	<b>10.15 am</b> John Robertson (A) <b>(9.45 am Exposition)</b>	No Mass
<b>Thursday 12/01</b> <i>st. Aelred of Rievaulx</i>	<b>10.15 am</b> Agnes Waring (LD)	<b>12.05 pm</b> John McGrath (LD)
<b>Friday 13/01</b> <i>St. Hilary</i>	No Mass	<b>9.45 am</b> Jean Blenner-Hassett (LD)
<b>Saturday 14/01</b>	<b>12 noon</b> Dead List 2022 <b>6.30 pm</b> Stephen Cahill (LD)	<b>4.30 pm</b> John Canning (LD)
<b>Sunday 15/01</b> <i>2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</i>	<b>11.30 am</b> People of the Parish	<b>9.30 am</b> Neil Hollington (A)

**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  
& Pope Benedict XVI

**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Maria Richardson & Canon Stephen Dolan

**The sick and those caring for them; we recall especially:** Margaret Crowther, David Oldroyd, John Byrne, Katie Gallagher-Peel, Nellie Dipper, Nora Naughton, Patrick Hird, Mary Hobson, David Hodgson, Marie Healey, Daisy Ann Morton, Pat Castlehouse, Harold & Barbara King, & 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 Feast of The Lord's Baptism (A) Parish Mass Book Page: 118ff (Texts for Mass Page: 7ff.)  
 Weekend 7th / 8th January 2023 **See the Universalis App on our websites for Sunday/Daily Readings****

**Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:** *The Hainsworth Family Intentions (St. Paul's) & A Special Intention (MEP) (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:** Maria Richardson (A), Neil Hollington (A) X2, Michael Edward Harland (A), Stephen Kerry (LD), Rachel Kilbourne (LD) X2, Birthday Thanksgiving (TBO'C) X2, Tony Walker (LD)

**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.

**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 THIS weekend for the Diocesan Lourdes Fund.

**St. Paul's 100 Club.** Subscriptions for the 100 Club will begin to be taken from THIS weekend for three weeks. New members are very welcome to join as there are several spare numbers available. The prizes are £30 weekly (for 9 weeks) & £100 in the 10th week. You've to be in it to win it !

**Soup Lunch.** The next Soup Lunch at St. Paul's will be held on Wednesday 18th January. Tickets (£3) will be available from THIS weekend after Masses.

**Singing Group.** The group will meet again THIS Tuesday 10th January at 6 pm in St. Paul's Church.

**Crafting-Sewing Bees.** The Crafting-Sewing Bees will meet THIS Wednesday 11th January after morning Mass at St. Paul's. New faces, skills, ideas are welcome together with those who would simply enjoy a coffee / tea & a chat.

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

**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.

**From the Registers.** During 2022 the following entries were 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.

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

**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 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.

**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 in school. The closing date for this is NEXT Sunday 15th January 2023. For Admission Applications for Holy Spirit Catholic Primary Academy (together with the necessary Governor's Supplementary Form which asks for proof of Baptism) please contact school on 01924-400820 ASAP