



**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 25/02	6.30 pm Rachel Kilbourne (LD)	4.30 pm Mark & David Pettifer
Sunday 26/02 <i>1st Sunday of Lent (A)</i>	11.30 am People of the Parish	9.30 am Mavis Secker (LD) 4.00 pm Stations of the Cross
Monday 27/02 <i>St. Gregory of Nayek</i>	9.30 am Private Intention	No Mass
Tuesday 28/02	No Mass	9.45 am Peter Summerscales (B'day A) <i>(9.15 am Exposition)</i>
Wednesday 01/03 <i>St. David</i>	10.15 am Kathleen Keown (LD) <i>(9.45 am Exposition)</i>	No Mass
Thursday 02/03	9.15 am Eddie Gardner (A)	2.15 pm Valerie (Val) Senior (LD)
Friday 03/03	10.00 am <i>Funeral Service for the repose of the soul of Sebastian Soltys (Entire Service at Huddersfield Crematorium)</i>	12.05 pm Nora Newman
Saturday 04/03 <i>St. Casimir</i>	12 noon Dead List 2022 6.30 pm Fr. Gerald Creasey (LD)	4.30 pm People of the Parish
Sunday 05/03 <i>2nd Sunday of Lent (A)</i>	11.30 am Noreen Farrell (LD) 4.00 pm Stations of the Cross	9.30 am Horace Palethorpe (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: Sebastian Soltys & Nora Naughton
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Eddie Gardner & Fr. Denis O'Sullivan

The sick and those caring for them; we recall especially: Margaret Crowther, David Oldroyd, John Byrne,
 Katie Gallagher-Peel, Nellie Dipper, Patrick Hird, Mary Hobson, David Hodgson, Marie Healey, Daisy Ann Morton,
 Pat Castlehouse, Harold & Barbara King, Gerald & Dymphna McLaren, & Beryl Hainsworth

*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 1st Sunday of Lent(A) Parish Mass Book Page: 151ff (Texts for Mass Page: 7ff.)
Weekend 25th / 26th February 2023 See the Universalis App on our websites for Sunday/Daily Readings

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions: For the Intentions of the Clarke Family (St. Paul's) & In Memory of Matthew Lynn (A) (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)

The Kacprzak Family Intentions, Horace Palethorpe (A), Annie Clough (B'day A)

Mass Intentions Received: David Rawcliffe (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.

Earthquake Appeal. Donations may be made directly to CAFOD via their website: cafod.org.uk or the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) www.dec.org.uk with whom CAFOD is working in partnership.

CAFOD. CAFOD's Family Fast Day will be held THIS Friday 3rd March. Envelopes are available for this, however, as in previous years, parishioners are asked to use these for Lenten Alms-giving until Palm Sunday (1st/2nd April) when a Retiring Collection will be taken for the work of CAFOD.

Singing Group. The group will meet again THIS Tuesday 28th February at 6 pm in St. Paul's Church.

Children's Liturgy. With the DBS process now complete Jessica Wilkinson (the diocesan Youth & Life Long Faith Formation Co-Ordinator) will meet with our parish volunteers (& any interested parents) THIS Thursday 2nd March at 6.00 p.m. in Holy Spirit Church. The purpose of this gathering is to look at resources available & offer reassuring guidance. This meeting is open to parents / carers who may be interested in the Faith-development of their children.

World Day of Prayer. The World Day of Prayer (formerly the Women's World Day of Prayer) will be held THIS Friday 3rd March across the world. The Spenn Valley Branch Service (covering both our church areas) will be held at the Methodist Church, Greenside, Cleckheaton at 2.00 p.m. The Service has been composed by Christian women of Taiwan.

Sacramental Preparation for Children in Non-Catholic Education. A meeting for parents of children in non-Catholic education eligible for the Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation (Year 3+), Holy Communion (Year 4+) & Confirmation (Year 6+) will be held at St. Paul's Church THIS Friday 3rd March at 5.00 p.m. This will be an introduction to both the materials used & also to the Catechists who will present the process to the children.

Lenten Soup Lunches. Three Lenten Soup Lunches will be held at St. Paul's on Wednesdays March 8th, March 15th & March 22nd. Tickets for the 8th March Lunch are available from THIS weekend. Soup-makers are being sought for Wednesday 22nd March. If you are able to help please contact Anne Howgate (01274—879043). Thank you!

Crafting-Sewing Bees. The Crafting-Sewing Bees will meet again on Wednesday 8th March after Mass at St. Paul's. New faces, skills, ideas are welcome together with those who would simply enjoy a coffee / tea & a chat.

Soup Lunch. Very many thanks to those who came along to, & to those who kindly helped, at the recent Soup Lunch at St. Paul's. All the proceeds from this event (£216.20) have been sent to CAFOD's earthquake appeal.

Lenten Devotions. The Stations of the Cross will be reflected upon & prayed in our churches on alternative Sunday afternoons (4.00 p.m.) beginning THIS Sunday at Holy Spirit. Lists seeking readers to assist are in both churches.

Tables. As a result of the refurbishment of the Parish Room at Holy Spirit a number of tables are now seeking new homes. There are two sizes: 27 inches X 27 inches & 43.5 inches X 27 inches, both stand 28.5 inches from the floor. If interested contact Peter Moreland or Fr. Nicholas. The tables are currently in the Baptistery of the church for viewing.

Easter Cards. A selection of Easter Cards are available from the Piety Stalls of both churches. Please make payment for these on purchase & place all monies in the appropriate collection point.

St. Paul's 100 Club. Week 5 Draw Winner (No. 3) Andrew Lemon. Congratulations!

Holy Spirit 150 Club. Week 3 Draw Winner (No. 62) Claire Crowther. Congratulations!

Church Cleaners. Both of our lovely churches are currently in need of a few more hands to care for them in the form of more cleaners. It could be classed as spiritual exercise! If you can help please speak with Fr. Nicholas.

Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023. The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place between 7th—13th July (6 nights) with flights from Leeds/Bradford airport. Prices start from £745. Bookings may be made through Tangney Tours (01732—886666) or on-line at www.tangney-tours.com & follow the links for Leeds.

Bank Closures & Standing Orders. Thank you to those parishioners who have taken Standing Order Mandates. If you have set up your own Standing Order please let Fr. Nicholas know as new Collection Envelopes are being prepared.

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

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. Thank you to all who have made financial contributions to the Cleckheaton Food Bank which have been doubled through the partnership with "Match it!" A letter acknowledging donations (£230.00) is on display on the Noticeboard.

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.