

The Parishes of Cleckheaton & Heckmondwike

Serving the Churches of Our Lady of Unfailing Help & St. Paul of the Cross, Cleckheaton
& The Holy Spirit, Heckmondwike.

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	The Church of Our Lady of Unfailing Help & St. Paul of the Cross	The Church of The Holy Spirit
Saturday 19/08	6.30 pm Joyce Gibbons (A)	4.30 pm People of the Parish
Sunday 20/08 20th Sunday (A)	11.30 am Private Intention	9.30 am Horace Palethorpe (B'day A)
Monday 21/08 St. Pius X	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday 22/08 Queenship of Mary	No Mass	11:15-11:50 Exposition & Benediction 12 noon Intentions of Freddie (sick)
Wednesday 23/08 St Rose of Lima	11:15-11:50 Exposition & Benediction 12 noon Dead List	No Mass
Thursday 24/08 St Bartholomew	No Mass	9:30 Dead List
Friday 25/08 St Louis	9:30 Intentions of Fr J. Hilton	No Mass
Saturday 26/08 Bl Dominic Barberi	12 noon Dead List 6.30 pm Aidan Murphy (A)	4.30 pm Ellen & Edward Rhodes (A)
Sunday 27/08 21st Sunday (A)	11.30 am People of the Parish	9.30 am Andrew Latham (A)

**We pray for those whom God has called back to Himself recently,
and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ellen Rhodes**

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

**The 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) Parish Mass Book Page: 114 (Texts for Mass Page: 7ff.)
Weekend 19th / 20th August 2023 See the Universalis App on our websites for Sunday/Daily Readings**

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Parish Safeguarding Representative: Patricia McLean 07842 911069 (Diocesan Coordinator: 07515 598523)

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions: Minich & Reid families (St. Paul's) & Hirst Family Thanksgiving (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 £5) & place it in the Collection Baskets when you come to Mass or through either Presbytery Letterbox. Thank you.

Holy Spirit Parish Room. Coffee Mornings have now resumed at Holy Spirit on Sundays after the 9.30 a.m. Mass. The necessary electrical work, ensuring that we comply with Health & Safety guidance, has now been completed, including the replacement of outside lights (to the front steps of the church) which were smashed by vandals earlier in the summer.

Crafting-Sewing Bees. The Crafting-Sewing Bees will meet again on Wednesday 23rd August at 10.00 a.m. in St. Paul's Hall. New members are most welcome, together with those who may just fancy a coffee & a chat!

Soup Lunch. The next Soup Lunch will take place at St. Paul's on Wednesday 23rd August after Mass at 12 noon. Thank you to those who have come forward to prepare Soup. If you are able to bake cakes & buns for dessert this would be much appreciated. If you are able to help with this request please contact Anne Howgate (01274—879043). Tickets (£3) are now available after Masses, with all proceeds going towards the refurbishment of the Hall Toilets.

St. Paul's 100 Club. N^o 18

Holy Spirit 150 Club. Week 8 Ron Wilkinson (no. 18) **N.B.** Subscriptions for the next round of draws for the Holy Spirit 150 Club will be collected over THREE weekends beginning this weekend Saturday 19th / Sunday 20th August.

Heritage Open Days Events. (a) There will be a further meeting on Tuesday 22nd August at 7.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Church for those willing to assist with the Cleckheaton Open-Day on Saturday 9th September (10 a.m.—2 p.m.) (b) The next scheduled meeting at Heckmondwike will be for the setting up of displays etc. This will take place in Holy Spirit Church on Thursday 14th September at 6.00 p.m. just prior to the Open-Days there on Friday 15th September (12 noon—4.00 pm) & Saturday 16th September (10 am—2.00 p.m.) Photographs & information about both churches would be welcomed by the Coordinators Fran Glover (St. Paul's) & Kathy Bevans (Holy Spirit). **N.B.** More help will be needed on the Open Days themselves in the form of welcomers / stewards.

Sacrament of Reconciliation. A schedule of opportunities for Confession will be available from this weekend. At Holy Spirit Church 3:45-3:15. At St Paul's 5:45-6:15. Confessions will also be heard during Exposition times on Tuesday and Wednesday. Funeral permitting, Fr Simon intends to celebrate a noon Mass every Tuesday and Wednesday from now on (with Exposition and Benediction beforehand).

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

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.

From Your Pastor

This is a column that I took up writing when I was Pastor of St Joseph, Pontefract and Holy Redeemer, Huddersfield. Basically it gives me an opportunity to rant on certain subjects and it gives you an opportunity to see a little of my mind at work! You'll notice that I use the word 'Pastor' rather than 'Parish Priest'. Personally, I prefer it as it seems to reflect better my understanding of my ministry amongst you. There's nothing wrong with being called 'Parish Priest', and I won't chin you if you call me that, but I use the word to remind myself that my primary task is not to keep the lights on or the buildings in spectacular shape. My primary task is to herd you (and all the so-called 'resting' Catholics) and everyone else within the boundaries of our community through the gates of heaven and I intend to have a good crack at it! Care of buildings, lights, finance etc— these are all noble pursuits of the modern priest but there is no more noble a task than saving the soul of your husband/wife/children/friends/entire parish. By the way, tell the 'resting' Catholics that their days of 'resting' are numbered. #justsaying

Fr Nicholas has been in touch this week and, like yours truly, he is doing his best to settle down and unpack. He asked me to let you know that he is deeply grateful for your generosity as he took his leave of you last week and has been touched by the very kind cards and comments he received. He asks your prayers for his dad and for himself as they settle into their new home and he assures you of his prayers. He will be offering a Mass for your intentions.

Finally, please be patient with me. I am so excited to be your Pastor and am keen to get going but I need to cut my cloth accordingly. It's a mid-life thing! God bless you all, *Fr Simon*