

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION: The annual procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady takes place on Monday 2nd October, beginning at 7:30pm in the grounds of St Mary's school, Batley and concluding a short walk away in St Mary's church. The walk of witness may not be as lengthy as it used to be but the importance is as great, if not greater than ever. It is an opportunity to pray with and to Our Lady for ourselves, our loved ones and our parish. For obvious reasons, it is an event dear to the heart of Fr Simon and he encourages as many of us as possible to attend.

THE PARISH SICK LIST whilst not in the bulletin is still very much in operation. It has been placed at the statues of The Sacred Heart and Our Lady in both of our churches so that you can pray for those who need our prayers whilst you're lighting your candles. Please let Fr Simon know if we need to add (or remove) anyone from the sick List. Copies are also available at the back of church for you to take home and put in your prayer books.

SP 100 CLUB: No. 10 Alison Newman-Burke **HS 150 CLUB:** No.48 Beverley Smith

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS take place in St Paul's church on 9th September (10am-2pm) and in Holy Spirit church on 15th September (12noon-4pm) & 16th September (10am-2pm). Prior to the Holy Spirit openings, assistance is required for setting up displays etc at the church at 6pm on Thursday 14th September. Photographs and information about both churches can be sent to the organisers (Fran Glover at St Paul's and Kathy Bevans at Holy Spirit). PLEASE, if you are able to help with welcomers and stewards on the various days, DO let Fran and Kathy know. It is important that we create a very good impression because for some people this may be a kind of 'window' into our community and it may be that your kindly welcome encourages visitors to think about becoming a Catholic. If your kindly smile isn't enough, do let them know that during St Paul's open day there will be refreshments available as well as a craft sale in the parish hall.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Our schools re-open this coming week and a whole round of learning and opportunities begin again for our children. For some little ones, it is their first full day at school; for others it means a fresh start and the anxiety of beginning somewhere new. For teachers and staff, the new year marks the return to the vital and onerous responsibility of forming impressionable minds in the ways of Faith and right judgement.

Schools have changed beyond the imaginations of those of us who grew up in the 2nd half of the 20th century. Some of these changes have been for the better, others clearly not so. One thing that hasn't changed though is the Lord's call to **all of us** to "go and teach all nations". Our Catholic schools are one of the ways in which we fulfil His command and for this reason they deserve our support, morally and spiritually. I believe passionately in Catholic education and will be doing all I can to support all God's children (young and old) in their personal journey of Faith, be they in one of our schools or not. You can do your bit too by supporting the staff with your prayers. It's no use chuntering about the state of schools if you haven't brought them, their difficulties and their needs before the feet of Our Lord.

The new Chaplaincy Coordinator at St John Fisher's, Mrs E Fiddler, will be working with staff and students and hopes to be able to share her work through the SJF Chaplaincy X page (formerly known as Twitter). Search for @SJFChaplaincy on X/Twitter and give them a 'like' and a follow. You are also invited to send prayer requests that will be used in form time with the students. *Fr Simon*

LAST LAUGH: I always take my wife morning tea in my pyjamas, but is she grateful? No! She says she'd rather have it in a cup! *Morecombe & Wise*

Welcome to the parish of **The Holy Spirit, Our Lady & St Paul of the Cross**

serving the communities of Holy Spirit, Heckmondwike
and Our Lady & St Paul, Cleckheaton

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MASS AND SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

(HS = Holy Spirit Church, SP = St Paul's church)

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

- SAT 2/9** **4:30pm** (HS) Peter Walker (LD)
 6:30pm (SP) Yorkshire Brethren
- SUN 3/9** **9:30am** (HS) Tommy Kelly (A)
 11:30am (SP) People of the Parish
- MON 4/9** NO MASS TODAY
- TUES 5/9** **12noon** (HS) Margaret Peel (LD) (*preceded by Exposition & Benediction 11-11:50*)
St Teresa of Calcutta
- WED 6/9** **12noon** (SP) Agnes Waring (LD)
- THURS 7/9** **2:15pm** (HS) Laszlona Gorci (LD) (*whole school Mass*)
- FRI 8/9** **2:15pm** (SP) **Requiem Mass: Maureen Colgan**
Our Lady's birthday
- SAT 9/9** **12noon** (SP) Elizabeth Dignan (*preceded by Exposition & Benediction 11-11:50*)
St Peter Claver

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

- SAT 9/9** **4:30pm** (HS) Shaun O'Riordan(A)
 6:30pm (SP) People of the Parish
- SUN 10/9** **9:30am** (HS) John Moran (A)
 11:30am (SP) Michael McCarten (LD)

TIMES OF CONFESSIONS

Saturday 11:00-11:45 (SP) 3:45-4:15pm (HS) 5:45-6:15pm (SP)
and upon (mutually convenient) request.

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for MARGARET PEEL, MAUREEN COLGAN & NELLIE DIPPER who have died recently. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK: John Moran, Margaret Peel

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