

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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This Week's Mass Schedule

Saturday	23/09	Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	Bobby & Kathleen Stitt (70 th Wedding Anniversary)
		St Paul's	6:30 pm	People of The Parish
Twenty Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time	24/09	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Nellie Dipper
		St Paul's	11:30 am	Alan Doran
Monday	25/09	No Mass Today		
Tuesday <i>Ss Cosmas & Damian</i>	26/09	Holy Spirit	12 noon	Mary Lyles (Birthday)
Wednesday <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	27/09	St Paul's	12 noon	Xavier Newman-Burke (Anniversary)
Thursday <i>St Wenceslaus</i>	28/09	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Margaret Henry -School Present
		Holy Spirit	1:30 pm	Requiem: Jacky Pollard
		Holy Spirit	6pm	Reception of Body: Margaret Peel
Friday <i>Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>	29/09	Holy Spirit	11 am	Requiem: Margaret Peel
Saturday <i>St Jerome</i>	30/09	St Paul's	12 noon	People Of the Parish
		Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	Patricia Hutton (Anniversary)
		St Paul's	6:30 pm	Xavier Newman Burke (Anniversary)
Twenty Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time	01/10	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Eileen Callaghan (Anniversary)
		St Paul's	11:30 am	Frank Honeybell (Birthday A)

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 GRAHAM WOOD, PATRICIA REEVE, MARK WALMSLEY, DAISY ANN MORTON, who have died recently. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: : Nellie Dipper, God's Intention for Awele Izah, Allan Nuttall, Eileen & Brian Callaghan, Margaret Henry, Annie Holmes

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Patricia McLean 07842 911069 Diocesan Coordinator: 07515 598523

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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 its 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.

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.

SP 100 CLUB: No.59 Colette Kemp

HS 150 CLUB: No.25 Kath Smith

ST PAUL 100 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS old and new are being collected from this weekend with the new round beginning this weekend 23/9/23. Both this and the 150 Club at Holy Spirit are great ways to support your parish. Fr Simon reckons he has bagged the winning numbers for the next round. We shall see....

CLEAR (Community Links Engagement and Recovery) is a free mental health and well-being service in Kirkless dealing with group and 1-1 opportunities to maintain and promote mental health. For more information visit clear.huddersfield@commlinks.co.uk or clear.dewsbury@commlinks.co.uk or telephone 01484 519097

FLOWER ROTA: We need volunteers to arrange the flower rotas for both churches. Unfortunately, if left to Fr Simon the churches will end up looking like Thursday of the 4th week of Lent in perpetuity!! As it is, we are blessed by talented arrangers who make the liturgical environment look so beautiful. Thank you to you all. If you are willing to organise a rota for the church you're arranging in, please let Fr Simon know.

MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR/FUNDRAISER VACANCY: Diocese of Leeds Music is seeking to recruit an Administrator and Fundraiser for thirty hours per week. More information and an application pack available from recruitment@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk, and a preliminary discussion can also be requested through this email address. Closing date is 12 noon on Tuesday, 3 October 2023

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Bishop Marcus has asked our prayers this week as he and Archbishop Wilson head to Rome to prepare for the Synod on Synodality which takes place throughout the month of October. The Bishop will be away for the whole of October, and you may be tempted to think "Ooo lucky fella: a whole month in the Eternal City!" It would be nice for any other reason than a Synod of Bishops. They can be tough places where personal agendas are routinely set, argued over, smashed to pieces and reset; and that's before they get to the big stuff!

A lot of different people will be going to the Synod with Bishop Marcus. A lot of different opinions, experiences of Church and perspectives will converge on one place and it can be a fractious time in the life of the Church but it is also a rich expression of Who we are as a family. You know as well as I do that such convergences can be exciting and daunting at the same time. It can also be a dangerous time as Old Nick will seek to deepen apparent divisions or create new ones so as to undermine the missionary endeavours of the worldwide Church. For this reason, Bishop Marcus has asked for our prayers so that he and all his fellow participants (including the Holy Father himself) will be protected from the insidious wiles of the evil one and so that the will of God's Holy Spirit may be more clearly discerned and the beauty of Holy Mother Church be allowed to shine even more radiantly. Copies of the Synod prayer are available at the back of church for you to take home and pray each day during the next few days and the whole of the month of October.

Last Laugh: My mother-in-law fell down a wishing well. I was amazed. I never knew they worked. *Les Dawson*