

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	09/09	Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	Shaun O'Riordan (Anniversary)
		St Paul's	6:30 pm	People of The Parish
Twenty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time	10/09	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	John Moran (Anniversary)
		St Pauls	11:30 am	Michael McCarten (LD)
Monday	11/09	No Mass Today		
Tuesday <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	12/09	No Mass Today		
Wednesday <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	13/09	No Mass Today		
Thursday <i>The Exaltation of The Holy Cross</i>	14/09	No Mass Today		
Friday <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	15/09	No Mass Today		
Saturday <i>SS Cornelius & Cyprian</i>	16/09	No Mass this Morning		
		Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	People of The Parish
		St Paul's	6:30 pm	November Dead List
Twenty Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time	17/09	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Mary Palethorpe
		St Paul's	11:30 am	Amanda Robertson

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, NELLIE DIPPER, JACKY POLLARD, & PATRICIA REEVES who have died recently. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK: Mary Lyles (Birthday)

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: 100 Rhiannon Sullivan **HS 150 CLUB:** No.77 Gerard Lynn

ST PAUL 100 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS old and new are being collected from this weekend and for the next 2 weekends with the new round beginning on 23/9/23. This weekend is the £100 draw. 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...

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS Many thanks to all who facilitated the heritage day in St Paul's this weekend. It's the turn of 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. PLEASE, if you are able to help with welcomers and stewards on these days, DO let 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.

SEWING BEES will meet this Wednesday (13th Sept) at 10am in St Paul's hall. All are welcome, especially newbies!

CLEAR (Community Links Engagement and Recovery) is a free mental health and well-being service in Kirklees 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

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH'S IRISH NIGHT: Saturday 23rd September, 7:30pm, Little Sisters of the Poor, Headingley. Ceilidh, Irish Stew, Bar, Raffle. Tickets £15 from reception (0113 2784101).

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend there will be a second collection after all weekend Masses for Home Mission.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

On Friday the Universal Church celebrated the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. During the coming week Holy Mother Church celebrates the Most Holy Name of Mary. Both of these feasts have overtones of feasts ascribed to Our Blessed Lord: His Nativity and The Most Holy Name of Jesus. This is in no way meant to put Our Lady on a par with her Son, but rather is meant to accentuate her supremely important role in the great Theo-drama of salvation. It is also a salutary reminder to the People of God that devotion to the Blessed Mother is not an optional extra in the life of a faithful Catholic. It is integral, and without it our spiritual lives are somewhat... oh, what's the word?...hopeless!!

To avoid a life that is without hope, there are a multitude of ways in which a faithful Catholic can engage with Our Lady; the rosary is but one of them. The Church doesn't proscribe any particular way for us, nor does She insist that all Catholics must 'believe' in Lourdes or Fatima or Knock etc. We are told, after due investigation, that there is nothing attached to these apparition sites or devotions which is injurious to the soul of the faithful. It is up to us to find our 'level' (we may do this – wisely - with the help of A.N.Other), and I would say it is crucially important to do so. Jesus saw fit to give His Blessed Mother to us (and us to her) as He hung upon the Cross. It takes some brass-neck on our part to suggest to the Crucified Saviour, "No thanks. I'll manage without her." Our Lord could have managed without her but He chose not to. Let us take Him as our example and embrace (in whatever manner we choose) the one who is both Mother of God and our Mother too. It is a great blessing for us that part of the dedication of our parish belongs to Our Lady of Unfailing Help. Be honest, is there ever a time when we are not in need of the help of heaven? *Fr Simon*

LAST LAUGH: I spent three weeks pushing a pan scrubber in the baby's face. I want him to get used to kissing his grandmother. *Les Dawson*