

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	07/10	Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	Allan Nutall (Anniversary)
		St Paul's	6:30 pm	Bernard & Teresa Gibbons(Anniversary)
Twenty Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time	08/10	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Margaret Lynn
		St Paul's	11:30 am	People of The Parish
		Holy Spirit	3:30 pm	October Devotions
Monday <i>St John Henry Newman</i>	09/10	No Mass Today		
Tuesday	10/10	St Paul's	12 noon	Requiem: Patricia Reeve
Wednesday <i>St John XXIII</i>	11/10	St Paul's	12 noon	November Dead List
Thursday <i>St Wilfrid</i>	12/10	Holy Spirit	2:15 pm	Annie Holmes (School Present)
Friday <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	13/10	St Paul's	9:30 am	Yorkshire Brethren
Saturday <i>St Callistus</i>	14/10	St Paul's	11-11:50 am	Exposition & Benediction
			12 noon	Michael McCarten
		Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	Eileen & Brian Callaghan
		St Paul's	6:30 pm	Daisy Ann Morton
Twenty Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time	15/10	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Jacky Pollard
		St Paul's	11:30 am	People of The Parish
		St Pauls	3:30 pm	October Devotions

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 ANTHONY DISKIN, STEPHEN HEPTINSTALL, SARAH PATTINSON, who have died recently. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: : Daisy Ann Morton(2), Brian Homan,

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

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OCTOBER DEVOTIONS: See schedule.

SP 100 CLUB: No. 24 Ellen Gannon **HS 150 CLUB:** 20 Pauline Briggs

PARISH “THINKING” DAY: On Saturday 21st October we shall have a parish get-together of both our communities in Holy Spirit meeting room. Our time together will begin with Rosary and Benediction at 12 noon in Holy Spirit church followed by the blessing of the newly renovated meeting room. Tea, sandwiches and cakes will be provided. Fr Simon will give a little bit of spiritual input and share some of his thoughts and ideas for the future. You are invited to share your thoughts and ideas too. Perhaps there are some things that you think are missing in either or both of our churches. Is there something that’s gone by the wayside that you think might benefit the parish again? Perhaps you have seen something happening elsewhere that we could try here? This is not a time for airing grievances but for positive, constructive thought about our future. Start giving some thought now and do inform those people who are no longer able to get to church; their input is crucial too. Morning confessions and 12 noon Mass in St Pauls will be suspended for that day only.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST: Envelopes are available at the back of church from this weekend until the end of November.

BUILDING WORKS: Thanks to grant funding from the National Lottery and Parish Fundraising we are now able to proceed with the refurbishment of the toilets in the Church Hall (date is to be confirmed). At present there is a ladies with two cubicles and a gents with one cubicle and one urinal. The new toilets will be user friendly to both men and women with disabled facilities incorporated into both. Ramps will be provided for wheelchairs. The proposal is to demolish the gents first leaving the ladies usable for all to minimise disruption to all hall users. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience while we make your conveniences better!

THE BRADFORD CATHOLIC PLAYERS: present “Anything Goes” at Yeadon Town Hall, Yeadon LS19 7PP from Tuesday 7th to Saturday 11th November. Performances at 7.30 pm Tues-Fri and 1.30 and 5.30 on Saturday. Tickets are £22 Adults and £12 children, now on sale: 07305 632513, email bcptickets@live.co.uk or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/bradfordcatholicplayers.

SOUP LUNCH: A Soup lunch will be held at St Pauls on Wednesday 18th October after 12 noon Mass. Tickets available after all Masses this weekend. All are welcome.

SEWING BEES: Will meet this Wednesday, 11th October 10 am-11:50am in St Pauls Hall. New faces are always welcome!

CONFIRMATION: Letters petitioning for the sacrament can be collected from Fr Simon after all Masses from next weekend. Meeting with parents and candidates 9th November 6:30pm Holy Spirit Church.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

We have entered the month of the Holy Rosary. In 1214, Our Lady appeared to St Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) and taught him how to say the rosary. St Dominic had a great devotion to Our Lady and taught countless thousands how to pray this devotion. Rather than being something startlingly new, we need to remind ourselves that the fundamental reason for the rosary dovetailed very nicely with the basis of the order which Dominic was founding, namely, the proclamation of the Gospel. Often called “The Gospel in our pocket” this method of prayer was an illiterate person’s way of learning the central events of the Gospel and Christian dogma. It was also to remind people, especially those who found themselves most alone and possibly rejected, that they would never be abandoned by Jesus or His Mother.

Generally, we are not an illiterate people anymore but we can hold our hands up and admit that we are always in ‘learning’ mode when it comes to piercing the mysteries of God, the holy Gospel and the Mystical Body of Christ. St Augustine said, “If you can understand it, it’s not God!” If that great brain could say that, there’s no shame in us admitting that we’re in the spiritual equivalent of the infant school when it comes to Faith. Picking up our beads, as have some of the greatest saints since 1214, is a way of inviting Jesus and Mary to continue to form and mould us. Some sophisticated Catholics (including priests) might want to think of me as some kind of country bumpkin or simpleton because I’m never far from my beads. Bothered? Me? Nah. It was good enough for the likes of St Bernadette, Padre Pio, St Therese, Mother Teresa, St Maximilian Kolbe. It’s good enough for me and you, too. Or do we think ourselves better than those who now look directly on the face of Jesus and Mary in heaven? If you haven’t got any beads, use your fingers or take your socks off!!

Last Laugh: (S)He may look like an idiot, talk like an idiot and act like an idiot, but don’t let that fool you. (S)He really *is* an idiot. *Groucho Marx*