

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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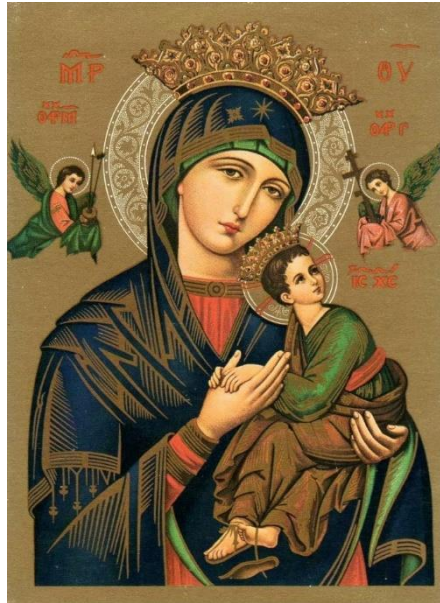
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Eve

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EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: Tuesdays & Saturdays 11:00am – 11:50am

TIMES OF CONFESSIONS:

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

DEVOTIONS: May. October. Lent (See Schedule)

PARISH GROUPS

Sewing Bees

Meets Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of month in St Paul's Hall

10 am-11:50 am (may vary due to Mass times)

Soup Lunch

Meets Monthly -3rd Wednesday.

Following 12 noon Mass

Tickets Available at Masses the weekend before

PARISH HEALTH & SAFETY REPRESENTATIVES

Holy Spirit: Chris Burrows 07833 917587

St Paul's: TBC

Safeguarding

Parish Representative: Patricia McLean – 07842 911069

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If you have any concerns about safeguarding or you are worried about an individual, please feel free to contact our safeguarding representative. If the individual is in immediate and real danger, please call the Police

This Week's Mass Schedule				
Saturday	14/10	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 Paul's	3:30 pm	October Devotions
Monday <i>St Hedwig</i>	16/10	No Mass Today		
Tuesday <i>St Ignatius</i>	17/10	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Nellie Dipper
Wednesday <i>St Luke</i>	18/10	St Paul's	9:30 am	Intentions of Awele Izah
Thursday <i>St Paul of The Cross</i>	19/10	Holy Spirit	2:15 pm	Chrissie Adleigh
Friday	20/10	St Paul's	9:30 am	Mai Bass
Saturday	21/10	Holy Spirit	12 noon	Rosary & Benediction – Blessing of Parish Room
		Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	People of The Parish
		St Paul's	6:30 pm	Hilda Logush
Twenty Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time	22/10	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Koprowski Family (Thanksgiving)
		St Paul's	11:30 am	Dominic Cox (In Thanksgiving)
		Holy Spirit	3:30 pm	October Devotions

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: Omolegho Udugbezi, Lein Udughezi, Samdele Udughezi, Mai Bass, Koprowski family, Barry Taylor (LD), Jospeh Dale, Victor Dale, Joseph Walsh, Graham Wood, Stephen Heptinstall (2), Dominic Cox, Rosalinda Salta.

OUR LADY'S LAMP

HS INNOCENTS OF ISRAEL

SP INNOCENTS OF GAZA

CLUB

SP: 45 Victoria Farrar

HS: 14 D Hepworth

PARISH NOTICES

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.

OCTOBER DEVTIONS: We shall gather to pray with our lady for our parish, the Synod in Rome, our general intentions, and this week very especially for the horrendous situation in the Holy Land. Rosary and Benediction will take place each Sunday during this month which honours Our Lady of the Rosary. Each service will last about 40 minutes.

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!

SOUP LUNCH: A Soup lunch will be held at St Pauls on Wednesday 18th October commencing around 12.:30pm. Tickets available after all Masses this weekend or you can pay on the day. All are welcome.

OUR LADY’S LAMP: Starting this month, you will have the opportunity to sponsor a lamp that will burn night and day before Our Lady’s altar for a week. This will be available in both of our churches. If you wish to take advantage of this, please use the envelopes provided at the back of church. We require a minimum donation of £5 per lamp. Please stipulate where you would like the lamp to burn. The lamps will burn on a first come, first served basis and cannot be booked (as you do for a Mass). Remember, there’s no time in heaven! The intention for the relevant church in the current week will be notified in the bulletin and at the side of the lamp itself.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: As Fr Simon announced at Masses last weekend, any young person in yr6 or above who hasn’t yet been Confirmed is invited to petition for reception of the Sacrament. Forms and letters are available from Fr Simon **only after Mass on a Sunday** from this weekend until the close of the weekend of 4/5th November. Please note, completion of the course (whether in school or in the parish) will not guarantee reception of the Sacrament (sometime early in 2024). Rather, this will be effected by a manifest commitment to the practice of the Faith (i.e. attendance at weekly Saturday vigil or Sunday Mass). Any young person requesting the Sacrament is asked to write to Fr Simon explaining why they want to receive the Sacrament. An initial meeting for candidates and parents will take place on Thursday 9th November at 6:30pm in Holy Spirit Church. If anyone has any questions about the above, please do not hesitate to contact Fr Simon who will be happy to assist in whatever way he can.

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK: Please note the change in regular Mass times on Tuesday and Wednesday this week due to Fr Simon having to attend meetings elsewhere. He says normal service will resume next week (if God spares him!).

BLESSING OF GRAVES: During November, Fr Simon is willing to bless family graves in the cemeteries within the boundaries of our parish. He is aware of Heckmondwike cemetery and Cleckheaton cemetery, but if we have large numbers of family graves elsewhere, please let him know so that he can schedule a blessing.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

The events of last weekend in Our Lord's earthly homeland have deeply troubled many, if not all of us. For me, it has been a double 'punch in the guts'. Firstly, like many of you, I find it hard to process the barbarity of this action especially where it has involved the elderly and children. The savagery is utterly overwhelming. Secondly – and I suspect I'm not alone in this – I am disturbed to have found myself easily moved to something of the same kind of vengeful language that trips so easily (and well calibrated) from the lips of politicians and pundits across the world, whilst at the same time feeling deeply uneasy about that language. We know it's an understandable response, an acceptable response; but we also know from experience that vengeful rhetoric and action is not going to solve long-standing problems for reasons that are as much to do with temperament as they are politics. If anything, it's only going to make it worse, much worse.

That second 'punch in the guts' is, *personally* speaking, the more disturbing. It has shown me how very far from the mind of Jesus I actually am. In the mind of Jesus, which is what we should all be aiming to attain according to St Paul, there is no room for vengeance and violence. In His teaching, Our Blessed Lord, doesn't suggest for one minute that we should roll over and let the savagery of our enemies have free reign (contrary to popular opinion, that is emphatically NOT what the teaching on 'turn the other cheek' means). Our Blessed Lord knows that we have been hardwired for violence and vengeance and that it's deeply ingrained in our societies with very few exceptions. Only a completely 'new way' is going to change the *status quo* which brings so much misery and suffering. This is why he prefaces his teaching on nonviolence in St Matthew's Gospel again and again with the phrase, "You have heard how it was said...But I say to you..." Jesus has little, if anything, to say about the 'hot sins' of homosexuality, abortion, euthanasia (except via that which is implicit) but He DOES make it crystal clear what he thinks about my notions of retribution and violence.

So where does this leave me? Floundering, for want of a better word. How can I preach that message on the streets of this country, never mind in Israel and Gaza? How can I be faithful to Jesus' teaching and not look like I'm playing fast and loose with the reality of abducted mothers and children, slaughtered Holocaust survivors, butchered families, innocent Gazan children and civilians who are being used as human shields? The answer is simple: I don't know. But I do know that to jump on either bandwagon is to betray the heart of Jesus which is already sore-wounded by the horrors of these last days. I do believe that the very First Responder at the scene of a massacred family in Israel or a bombed street in Gaza was the God of Jesus Christ, bending down to enfold His beloved children in His arms and to wash away their pain with His tears. The only way I can be more like that, rather than the faux righteousness of outraged politicians and pundits, is to pray. This war erupted on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Again, I urge you, pick up your beads and ask Our Lady to make us more like her Son in our responses to evil. We shall make that our very special intention at Rosary & Benediction this weekend (Sunday, St Paul's 3:30pm)

A WORD OF WISDOM: An eye for an eye and the whole world goes blind. *Ghandi.*