

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

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

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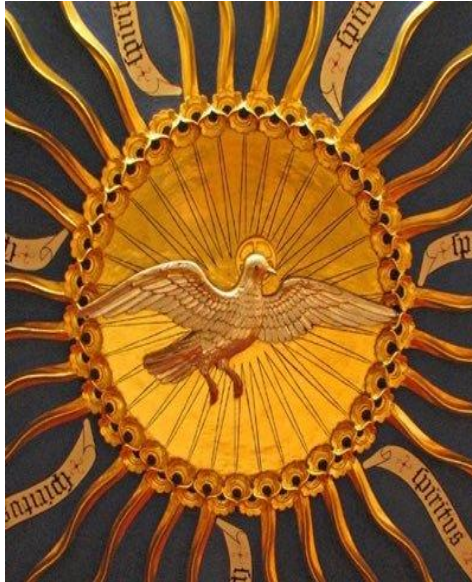
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EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: Tuesdays(HS) & Saturdays(SP) 11:00am – 11:50am

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)

These times may vary, please check schedule on inside of bulletin.

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

Diocesan Co-ordinator: 07515 598523

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	21/10	Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	People of The Parish
		St Paul's	6:30 pm	Hilda Logush
Twenty Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time	22/10	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Koprowski Family (Thanksgiving)
		St Paul's	11:30 am	Dominic Cox (In Thanksgiving)
		St Paul's	3:30 pm	October Devotions
Monday <i>St John Capistrano</i>	23/10	No Mass Today		
Tuesday <i>St Anthony Claret</i>	24/10	Crem	10 am	Funeral: Rosalinda Salta
		Holy Spirit	12 noon	Omoleghu Udughezi
Wednesday	25/10	St Paul's	12 noon	Rosalinda Salta
Thursday <i>Ss Chad & Cedd</i>	26/10	Holy Spirit	2:15 pm	Stewart Kemp (School Mass)
Friday	27/10	Holy Spirit	12:30 pm	Requiem: Stephen Heptinstall
Saturday	28/10	St Paul's	12 noon	Izin Udughezi
		Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	People of The Parish
		St Paul's	6:30 pm	Daisy Morton's Family
Twenty Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time	29/10	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Margaret Peel
		St Paul's	11:30 am	Beryl Cassidy
		Holy Spirit	3:30 pm	October Devotions

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for ROSALINDA SALTA , STEPHEN HEPTINSTALL who have died recently. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Sr Veronica Ifunanya Igwe, Stewart Kemp, Brian Holdsworth, Stephen Kickenny, Family of Daisy Morton, Thomas Barrett (A), Peter Higgins, Andrea Healy, Nora Newman, PeterMcMohan.

OUR LADY'S LAMP

HS PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN

SP HEALING FOR THE UDUGBEZI FAMILY

CLUB

SP: 63 Joseph Cooke

HS: 54 Colleen Neville

Exposition and Benediction is as advertised this week

PARISH NOTICES

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!

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 which has been confirmed as **1st February 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.

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION: Solemn feast of All Saint. Mass times Tuesday 31st October (Vigil) HS-6.30pm. Wednesday 1st November 9:30am (HS), 12noon (SP). All souls 2nd November is not a holy day of obligation, Masses: 9:30 am (HS), 6:30pm (SP)

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil outside the MSI abortion facility, Leeds. 27 September to 5 November, 7am to 7pm. The last sign of hope and the first sign of mercy to those attending MSI Leeds. Over 23,000 lives saved by campaigns worldwide since 2007. Please take a flyer from the back of church if available. To get involved as a prayer partner or as a vigil volunteer contact: Chris Redding 07815681343 email: 40daysforlife@gmail.com,

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: If anyone would like tickets can you ask them to contact Susan 07956048711 or Josephine 07837656831

CATHOLIC CARE: is hosting their Christmas Pantries again this year. Last year over 800 families were supported with food and toys. This year we need your help. Over the weekends of the 5th and 12th November we will be collecting the following items: dried and tinned food, e.g. *pasta, rice, beans, tins of*

fruit, veg, meat, and fish, tea, coffee, sugar and cereals. Toiletries such as toothpaste, shower gel and toilet rolls. Toys (unwrapped) for all ages.

M62 REMEMBRANCE: February 2024 marks the 50th anniversary of when a bomb exploded on a coach on the M62, carrying services personnel and their families, killing several on board, including children. An annual service of remembrance has been held in the car park of Hartshead Services, westbound ever since. The 50th anniversary service will be held on Sunday 4th February (10:30 for an 11:00 start) and this is expected to be a particularly large event. Priority is given to the families, however parishioners would like to attend and represent the parish are welcome.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

All this week I've been thinking of Grandad Lodge and his consistent phrases at this time of year "Ey up! Night's are drawing in! Winter draws on (and very nice they are too!); not many shopping days to Christmas". I think he did it as much to wind Grandma Lodge up as anything else. She was an eternal optimist and had no time for her husband's doom-laden phrases. As we come to the end of October, we're likely to be wondering where the time has gone; this year is almost over. It is true that as we get older we become aware that life is truly a 'fleeting' experience. The psalmist says that our life is like grass: *In the morning it springs up and flowers, by evening it withers and fades.* And the writer prays to God that He *Make us know the shortness of our lives that we may gain wisdom of heart.*

This isn't a bad meditation for me, to be honest. I flourish in the sun (and get burnt, too) but I'm learning that I flourish even more when I am confronted with autumn and winter. In the past I have done anything I can to avoid the 'dying seasons' but as I get older, I realise that a sense of mortality has as much to teach me as does the zest for life. In fact, a proper, non-morbid, sense of mortality thrusts me back into a deeper appreciation of life and its ceaseless glories. Having watched the flowers of summer blossom and flourish I am learning to take satisfaction and comfort in the stillness of the autumn garden which has ceased to grow and now quietly prepares itself for death and later, resurrection.

It is all too easy for me to succumb to the negative press 'associated' with autumn/winter and start buying into a phraseology of despondence. Jesus teaches us that the signs of the Kingdom can be found in the flowers of the fields and the birds of the air, but it can also be found in the darker side of life such as physical suffering, crushed seeds in the ground etc. The key for Jesus is that God is ever creative; He is not bound by times and seasons nor even death. God is constantly making all things new and that includes me. And you.

True wisdom is found in the one who knows s/he is passing through and who doesn't want to waste any time being dragged down by despondency and negativity. True, there are times and situations where we feel like our heart is breaking and our lives are fracturing before our very eyes and it is hard to feel anything other than despondency or negativity. It is then that the Church comes into Her own as a body of people gathered to nurture and support the weak and those who are struggling. It's not a matter of covering somebody's pain with cheap platitudes but rather being there with practical support so that the weak and suffering will know that God's mercies do not come to an end. Dame Julian of Norwich said *We rise and we fall and both are the mercy of God.* The key is to see the mercy of God in everything and to rejoice that He is most certainly with us, encouraging us now to rest awhile before He recreates us ever-new.

Last laugh: I get up every morning and read the obituary column. If my name's not there, I eat breakfast. George Burns.