

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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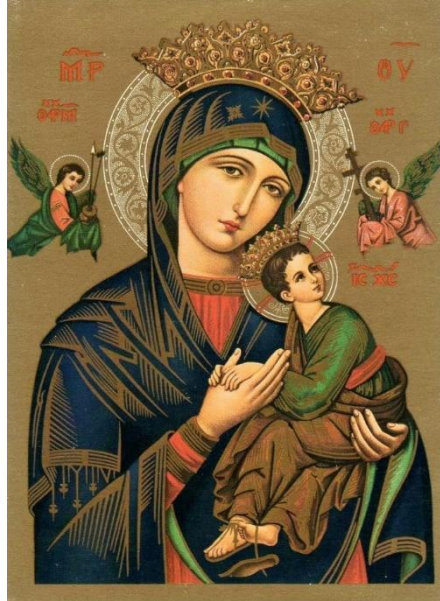
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EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: See Weekly Schedule

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	04/11	Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	People of The Parish
		St Paul's	6:30 pm	Pat Tracey
Thirty First Sunday In Ordinary Time	05/11	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	November Dead List
		St Paul's	11:30 am	November Dead List
Monday	06/11	No Mass Today		
Tuesday <i>St Willibrord</i>	07/11	Holy Spirit	11 am	Exposition & Benediction
		Holy Spirit	12 noon	Yorkshire Brethren
Wednesday	08/11	St Paul's	12 noon	November Dead List
Thursday	09/11	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	November Dead List (whole School Present)
Friday <i>St Leo The Great</i>	10/11	St Paul's	9:30 am	November Dead List
Saturday <i>St Martin Of Tours</i>	11/11	St Paul's	11 am	Exposition & Benediction
		St Paul's	12 noon	November Dead List
		Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	People of The Parish
		St Paul's	6:30 pm	Eileen Riley
Thirty- Second Sunday In Ordinary Time	12/11	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	War Dead
		St Paul's	11:30 am	War Dead

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Florence Harland, Trevor Patrick Jowett, Baby Salta, Mary Kennedy (LD), John Maloney, deceased of the Homan family, Catherine Murphy (A).

OUR LADY'S LAMP

HS Deceased with no one to pray for them

SP Special Intention C & A

CLUB

SP: 2 Janice Walsh

HS: 23 Christine Nutall

PARISH NOTICES

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST: A preliminary run of the list has been printed and is available to be viewed in both our churches this weekend. You can still add to the list by filling out one of the envelopes at the back of church and handing it in to Father. The list will be updated each weekend of November until the end of the month. If you notice any mistakes in the list please let Father know so that it can be corrected and updated as we go through November.

VIGIL MASS CONSULTATION: Fr Simon is seeking opinions and thoughts concerning the adaptation of our Sunday Mass schedule, in particular the 2 vigil Masses. The idea is to reduce from four Masses to three (much more in line with the requirements of a parish of our size). This will facilitate his being of use to another parish in an emergency. If you have any thoughts or (clean) suggestions that might help to make his decision he'd be glad to hear them either vocally, via letter or email. This consultation will be open for the whole of November.

CONFIRMATION: The Bishop will be coming to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to young people in Yr6 and above on 1st February 2024 in Holy Spirit church. The celebration will involve children from other parishes in this part of the deanery. This weekend is the last chance to collect a petition form from Fr Simon after Mass. Forms are not available from school. There will be a meeting for parents and candidates this coming Thursday 9th November at 6:30pm in Holy Spirit church. Please bring the forms back to that meeting.

ARMISTICE SERVICE: On Friday (10th November), the children in Holy Spirit school will be joining other children from the district in Cleckheaton Memorial Park at 10:40am. If you are able, please be sure to mark next weekend appropriately. Both Masses next Sunday morning will be offered for the War Dead of both our churches.

SEWING BEES: will meet on Wednesday 8th November after Mass in St Paul's Hall.

ST. PAUL'S CRAFTING/SEWING BEES are holding their Christmas Craft Fair and Coffee Morning on Saturday, November 18th from 10am to 1pm in St. Paul's Parish Hall. There will be a range of Handmade Christmas decorations and gifts for sale. Tickets on sale from this weekend. Admission is £2 and includes refreshments.

BLESSING OF GRAVES: Fr Simon will be blessing graves in Cleckheaton New Cemetery at 1:30pm this Sunday (5th). Please meet at the main gates on Whitechapel Road. On Sunday 19th, he will be blessing graves in Heckmondwike cemetery. Please meet at 1:30pm at the Dale Lane entrance.

OUR LADY'S LAMP: You 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.

FLOWER ROTA: There are still spaces on BOTH rotas. Please consider filling those spaces and do note that no flower arranger is expected to foot the bill for the flowers. This will come from the respective parish. Please keep all receipts and hand them to Fr Simon who will reimburse you. No one should be out of pocket (unless they want to be!) in this ministry.

SOUP LUNCH: A Soup lunch will be held at St Pauls on Wednesday 15th November commencing around 12.:30pm. Tickets available after all Masses this weekend or you can pay on the day. All are welcome.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: We will have a parish memorial service for all our beloved dead which will be held on Sunday 26th November, the Feast of Christ the King at 3:30pm in St Paul's church. There will be a special focus on those who have died since last November and during this service, Fr Simon will read out the names of all our parishioners who have died in both of our parishes and are recorded in the respective Death Registers. He has contact details for the funerals he has done since he came to the parish but is struggling to contact bereaved relatives from before his time. If you know of someone to whom this applies, please do let them know that they are welcome to attend.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

This weekend there'll be bonfires and fireworks a-plenty around our two towns. Bonfire Night was always a big 'do' at our house when we were kids. I distinctly remember making a fantastic Guy Fawkes one year with a mate of mine and we made a fortune on 'penny for the Guy'. That was the year when I realised through my history lessons that I was sponsoring the burning of an effigy of a Catholic and that's when I stopped making Guys. Admittedly, Guy Fawkes wasn't exactly playing by the Catechism of the Catholic Church when he and others plotted to blow up the king and parliament along with members of the royal family. But, if you know a little bit about history, you'll know that parliament and the monarchy hadn't exactly been playing fair with Catholics for many a year up to that point. Little wonder that to some of the Catholics of his day, Guy Fawkes was a martyr? Certainly, the Church has never recognised him as such. But, anyway, it's all a long time ago, isn't it? And we're not so primitive in our manners, are we? Hmm.

This weekend, the goodly people in the Bonfire capital of the world, Lewes, will not only burn an effigy of Guy Fawkes but, as they do every year, they will also burn an effigy of the Pope. (Technically, it's Pope Paul V who became Pope in 1605, but an effigy of the pope is an effigy of the pope, innit?!) I was thinking of burning an effigy of the current Ayatollah on the green in Heckmondwike this weekend. I wonder how that might go down? The protestants of Lewes remember their 17 martyrs who were put to death by Queen Mary and you have to hand it to their 'remembering': it's a prolific thing to keep such hatred going for 500 years. But we have not a few Catholics who play fast and loose with the memory of our own martyrs. I wonder if the goodly protestants of Lewes or our own righteous Catholics tut-tut at how those Gazans and Israelis just can't seem to bury the past.

The most persecuted religion in the world at present is Christianity, the majority of whom are Catholics, though that fact is barely ever reported by the main news outlets. And how should we respond to the institutional prejudice of our own country (i.e. the monarch cannot marry a Catholic nor can a Catholic PM advise the King on the appointment of Bishops) and the violent bigotry directed to our brethren in the Middle East, South East Asia and China? Should we respond with gunpowder, burnings, butchery and more bigotry? No. It is to be met by the Bonfire of Love that burns in the Heart of Jesus, that His disciples are asked to imitate. That being the case, is it any wonder that few take up Jesus' challenge to live non-violently to its maximum effect? And yet, where our forebears have done so, and maybe even lost their lives in the process, it has a far greater effect than the brute elemental fire that only destroys. Jesus' Heart on Fire consumes hatred and makes converts who begin their lives anew. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, make our hearts like unto Thine.

Last Laugh: My mother always used to say "The older you get, the better you get. Unless you're a banana." *Rose from the Golden Girls.*