

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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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	28/10	Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	People of The Parish
		St Paul's	6:30 pm	Daisy Morton's Family
Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time	29/10	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Margaret Peel
		St Paul's	11:30 am	Beryl Cassidy
		St Paul's	3:30 pm	October Devotions
Monday	30/10	No Mass Today		
Tuesday	31/10	Holy Spirit	11:00	Exposition & Benediction
		Holy Spirit	12 noon	Michael Francis O'Donnell
<i>Vigil of All Saints</i>		Holy Spirit	6:30 pm	Terry Newman-Burke
Wednesday <i>All Saints Holyday of Obligation</i>	01/11	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	People of the Parish
		St Pauls	12 noon	Julia Cox (Birthday)
Thursday <i>All Souls</i>	02/11	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	November Dead List
		St Paul's	6:30 pm	Nora Newman
Friday <i>St Martin de Porres</i>	03/11	St Paul's	9:30 am	Thomas Barrett
Saturday	04/11	St Pauls	11:00 am	Exposition & Benediction
			12 noon	November Dead List
		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

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

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Julia Cox, Karen DeVito, Jewan Clarke, Paul Cray, Eileen Riley, Mary Kennedy

OUR LADY'S LAMP

HS: VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

SP: HEALING AND PROTECTION FOR OMOLEGHO UDUGBEZI

CLUB

SP: No 68 Brian Walker

HS No: 32 Kevin Moran

PARISH NOTICES

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST: Envelopes will remain at the back of church until the end of November. Write on the front of the envelope your family/families name(s). You can list of all the people you wish to pray for and put this inside the envelope, along with your donation, and hand it to Father or pop it in the collection. The complete list will be published at the end of November and be on display until next November. If you produce a list of names, this will be copied and placed in the boxes on both our altars throughout the month of November.

HOLY SPIRIT 150 CLUB: Will be collecting monies over the next three weeks.

MEMORIAL CARDS: If you wish to bring in any old memorial cards to place near the altar, please feel free to do and then collect them at the end of the month. SMALL, frameless, photographs are acceptable too.

BLESSING OF GRAVES: Fr Simon is willing to bless family graves during the month of November. He will be at Cleckheaton cemetery on Sunday 5th November at 1:30pm and Heckmondwike cemetery on Sunday 19th November at 1:30pm. If you have family buried elsewhere **within the boundaries of our parishes**, you are welcome to arrange a time with Father for him to bless graves elsewhere.

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.

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR AND COFFEE MORNING: Saturday, 18th November from 10am-1pm. Admission is £2.00 to include refreshments. Handmade Christmas Decorations and gifts for sale. Tickets will be on sale from next weekend (4/5th November) after masses.

SANCTUARY LAMP AT HOLY SPIRIT: Minnie White L.D

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: 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** 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.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Last Saturday, we had our Parish Thinking Day. There were about 40 people in attendance and I was delighted to see that there was a good cross-section from both churches. I know more would have been present if they were able. Speaking for myself, it was a strong, inspiring day and I am excited about my future ministry in this neck of the woods.

The meeting was asked if they wished me to press ahead with a letter to the Bishop asking him to formally amalgamate the 2 parishes. After some discussion and reminder of the salient points which I outlined to you at Mass and in the bulletin back in early September, I was instructed to write the letter to Bishop Stock. It went off on Thursday to await his return from Rome. I'd like to thank all those people who took the time to make their thoughts known; the comments were all positive. This has inspired me because it shows me I am ministering in a community that honours the past, is naturally sad about the way things have tumbled in recent years but is still looking towards its future mission in the district. I shall keep you posted when I hear something from the Bishop.

I also asked the meeting to consider what I should do in respect of the Saturday Vigil Masses. I am confident that Mass attendance will increase, but even were it to double it would not justify 4 Sunday Masses for a parish this size, especially when every parish we border on to has a vigil Mass. We need to be realistic. My first responsibility is to our parish, but with the shortage of priests I need to be available to provide emergency cover for priests who are ill or away. I can't do that on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning. I know why we have the set-up currently in operation and I would have set-up something of the same some years ago. But now, it's simply not sustainable. The Sunday morning Mass attendances are relatively strong and I don't want to fiddle around with them but one of the vigil Masses will have to go. So, I'm asking you, what would you do if you were in my position? I haven't made any decisions as yet and I'm asking because you might see a way of approaching this that I've missed. Obviously, I will have to make the final decision (which will need the Bishop's approval) but I want all the help I can get to make that decision. Email me, write to me, talk to me. (I'm interested to hear YOUR opinions, not 'what other people are saying'. If they can't address me themselves, I'm not interested.) Remember, this isn't the end of the world; it's not a disaster. Those adjectives are real and applicable to families across the Holy Land and elsewhere. Our situation is an inconvenience and 'a bit sad'. Let's keep discussion mature, befitting of our Christianity and in its proper context, please. We'll take the month of November to chew this over. We could do a lot worse than to pray to the great heroes of Faith who have had to make much tougher decisions before us.

Last laugh: Michael Parkinson: What does your doctor think about you smoking and drinking at your great age? George Burns: My doctor? My doctor's dead!