

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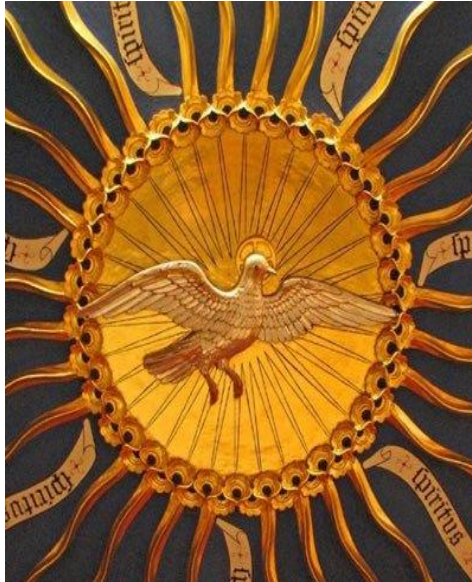
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**EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION:** Tuesdays(HS) & Saturdays(SP) 11:00am – 11:50am

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of month in St Paul's Hall

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

### **Soup Lunch**

Meets Monthly -3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** Roman Kacprzak rzkap@icloud.com

## 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	02/12	Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	Patrick Doherty
		St Paul's	6:30 pm	Daisy Ann Morton
<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	03/12	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Annie Clough
		St Paul's	11:30 am	People Of The Parish
Monday <i>St John Damascene</i>	04/12	No Mass Today		
Tuesday	05/12	Holy Spirit	11am	Exposition & Benediction
			12 noon	Margaret Peel
Wednesday <i>St Nicholas</i>	06/12	St Paul's	12 noon	Stephen Kilkenny
Thursday <i>St Ambrose</i>	07/12	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Nellie Dipper
Friday <i>The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	08/12	St Paul's	9:30 am	Samdele Udughezi
Saturday	09/12	St Paul's	11 am	Exposition & Benediction
		St Paul's	12 noon	Victor Dale
		Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	November Dead List
		St Paul's	6:30 pm	People of The Parish
<b>Second Sunday Of Advent</b>	10/12	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Stephen Heptinstall
		St Paul's	11:30 am	Jack & Kitty Caine

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

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:** Peggy & Vincent Whittle, Margaret Oldham (LD)

### OUR LADY'S LAMP

*You can sponsor a lamp that will burn night and day before Our Lady's altar for a week. Available in both of our churches. Please use the envelopes provided at the back of church, 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).*

**HS: STEPHEN HEPTINSATLL**

**SP: GRAZYNA KUPCZAK**

### CLUB

**SP: Subs are being collected over the next three weeks so no draw until after Christmas**

**HS: 32 Kevin Moran**

## **PARISH NOTICES**

**DIOCESAN DIRECTORY** – the new edition has arrived and is available at £5 per copy. Looking for a stocking filler? Look no further!

**SVP** – you are invited to a meeting on Thursday (7<sup>th</sup> December) at 6:30pm in Holy Spirit parish room if you wish to know more about becoming a member of our new conference or if you are willing to help us in any way. You won't be asked to sign on any dotted lines at this point; it's just an information meeting to begin with. Please do give it some serious consideration.

**EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE:** As we prepare to make our Confession before Christmas, it is helpful to use an examination of conscience. There are plenty available on the internet. There is a simple one available at the back of church for you to take away and ponder on.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Navy James Vernon who was baptised in Holy Spirit church on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he begins his great journey of Faith.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:** Congratulations to those young members of our community who were enrolled in the programme last weekend. Please keep them in your prayers and they prepare to complete their sacramental initiation into the life of the Church. Those young people who are not in our parish school will begin their classes next Sunday (10<sup>th</sup>) at 10:45 in St Paul's hall. Please arrive promptly.

**ADULT FORMATION:** Did you miss out on your First Communion or Confirmation? Do you know someone who did and who has expressed an interest in 'doing something about it'? You're never too old, so if you're interested in completing your initiation into the sacramental life of the Church, or you know someone who is, please speak with Fr Simon.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** We shall have a retiring collection next weekend to help off-set the Christmas flowers and decorations in both of our churches.

**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS** flier detailing times of Masses, services and Confessions over the next few weeks is available to take away this weekend. Please take some to pop through the letterboxes of family and neighbours who might just be waiting for your invitation to 'come home for Christmas (and for good!)'.

**CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT:** Tuesday December 12 at Holy Spirit church Heckmondwike 6pm. A wonderful showcase of vocal prowess for your auditory delight, to get us all in the festive spirit; followed by seasonal refreshments -everyone welcome.

**CONFESSIONS:** Starting this weekend Fr Simon will be available to hear confessions after every Sunday Mass. You're going to fettle your house for the big feast so fettle your soul too!!

**ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY'S SIXTH FORM:** presents live crib, on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 11am at Longcauseway church, Dewsbury.

**HOLY SPIRIT COFFEE MORNINGS:** if you would like to help on a Sunday after Mass, please contact June Harris 07842 534122

**CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS CRAFTS:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2:30-4:30pm in St Pauls Church Hall. A Christmas crafts session aimed at children. This is a parent lead session where you can make crowns, reindeer food, decorate biscuits and make tree decorations, plus other surprises too £10 per child. Please contact Sam on 07533166998 to book a place.

**AN ADVENT VADE MECUM:** is available, price £1 at the back of church

**NOVEMBER DEAD LIST:** is now closed. A total of 54 Masses will be offered throughout the coming year for everyone referenced on the list.

**MEMORIAL CARDS:** if you left cards or pictures at our memorial by the lectern, they are available for collection from the front benches in church.

**ST PAUL'S 100 CLUB:** subs are now being collected over the next three weeks, please ensure you have paid for your number during this time for the upcoming draws. You've got to be in it to win it!

**LEEDS CATHEDRAL ADVENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 7am to 7pm. There will be priests available to hear confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day.

### FROM YOUR PASTOR

And so we enter Advent once again. I'm almost breathless at how quickly we seem to have arrived at this point. Not alone does it seem two minutes since I was moving into St Paul's Presbytery on a hot summer's day in August (one of the few!), but it doesn't seem two minutes since I was negotiating the overt celebrations that attend a Californian Christmas!

Recently, I revisited one of my favourite films of all time, *Dead Poet's Society*, starring the late, great Robin Williams. If you haven't seen it, you must. Somehow, its story seems to suit this time of year. In a very quirky introduction to the study of English literature, Mr Keating (played by Williams) has his students (a class of teenage boys) read the opening lines of Robert Herrick's poem "To the Virgins, to Make Much of Time". They read:

*Gather ye rosebuds while ye may,  
Old Time is still a-flying;  
and this same flower which flowers today  
tomorrow will be dying.*

Now admittedly, Herrick is giving blunt advice to 16<sup>th</sup> century maidens about the need to get themselves a fella, and quick. In the film, Mr Keating broadens the theme with the aphorism *Carpe Diem* (seize the day) and this become the central premise of the film. The film demonstrates the need to 'seize the day' and that whilst a great price may have to be paid in the act of seizing, a much deadlier one (of a living death) is paid by not taking those important decisions/risks & gambles/opportunities that come our way. Some of us already know what that feels like.

Holy Mother Church, in fidelity to Her Saviour, invites Her children to do the same again and again throughout the year, but it seems most keen at this time of the year as we begin anew the liturgical cycle. Our 'carpe diem' isn't the rash grasping of a teenager, though; rather, it's the steady reflection on the past and a determined moving forward – even if that makes us anxious – all the while confident that Christ moves along with us at each step. Whilst we can do this as a community, we must also acknowledge that our community determination is a collective reflection of our individual determination; and this is secured for us Catholics through the reception of the grace of the sacraments, especially the sacrament of reconciliation (Confession). If we're not prepared to embolden our Faith by the power of Christ's forgiveness, then we cannot move forward. And if we deprive ourselves of that power then we deprive the wider community and our families of its power too. Charity begins at home, the say. It does, it begins with you and the Lord looking under your own stairs first. Do not be afraid. CARPE DIEM!

**Last laugh:** The plumber asked the lady: "So where's the drip?" She replied, "He's in the bathroom trying to fix the leak." *Tommy Cooper.*