

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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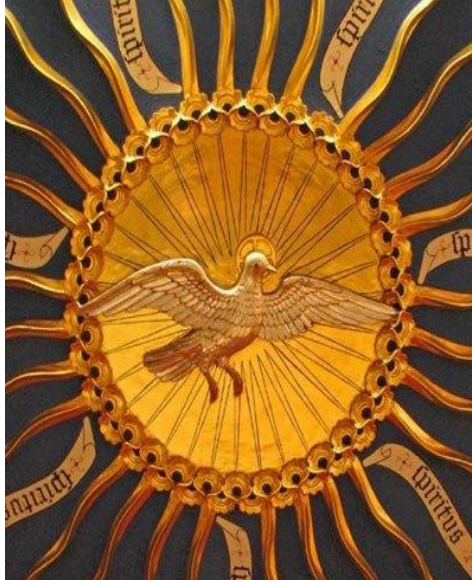
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EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: See Weekly Schedule

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)

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

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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	11/11	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
Monday	13/11	No Mass Today		
Tuesday	14/11	No Mass Today		
Wednesday <i>St Albert The Great</i>	15/11	No Mass Today		
Thursday <i>St Gertrude</i>	16/11	No Mass Today		
Friday <i>St Hilda</i>	17/11	No Mass Today		
Saturday	18/11	No Mass This Morning		
		Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	Catherine Murphy (Anniversary)
		St Paul's	6:30 pm	Joseph Dales
Thirty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time	19/11	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Graham Wood
		St Paul's	11:30 am	Joseph Walsh

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

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Sarah Pattinson (LD), Margaret Lynn (A), Peter Lemon

OUR LADY'S LAMP

**HS: SAFETY AND PEACE FOR THOSE TRAPPED
IN CONFLICT**

SP: RUBY HOLLAND (TAKEN TOO YOUNG)

CLUB

SP: 81 Karen Dack

HS: 52 Ann Hollington

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.

HOMES FOR UKRAINE MATCHING SERVICE: Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, are matching Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war with the people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information. Prayer cards are available at the back of church to pray for an end to the war in Ukraine.

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 on Sunday 19th, in Heckmondwike cemetery. Please meet at 1:30pm at the Dale Lane entrance.

SOUP LUNCH: A Soup lunch will be held at St Pauls on Wednesday 15th November commencing around 12.:30pm. 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.

HOLY SPIRIT CHRISTMAS FAIR: Saturday December 2nd in school starting at 12 noon. Donations required please for the various stalls-bottles-unwanted gifts-good quality toys- chocolate-mince pies-bric-a-brac. please note no books/dvds this year—cakes to be brought in on the day. Raffle prizes are also needed. If you would like to help, please contact Susan Moreland 0795 6048 711

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

MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS: can you please bring your boxes to church, both St. Paul's and Holy Spirit, for emptying between now and the end of November for our end of year collection.

CATHOLIC CARE: is hosting their Christmas Pantries again this year. Last year over 800 families were supported with food and toys. 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.

HS SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION: Barbara & Harold King, 74th wedding anniversary.

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.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

During this last week, I met with a number of our young people and their parents as they plan for the young ones to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from the Bishop in February next year. You will remember that a few years ago, Bishop Stock reduced the age of Confirmation from 13/14-year-old to 10/11. For some time, it seemed that Confirmation completed the Sacraments of Initiation whereby we mark the journey to spiritual adulthood in our young people. It has nothing to do with that at all. That model has created a sort of 'rite of passage' which has more in common with a Jewish Bar-Mitzvah than one of the seven Sacraments. Confirmation doesn't complete the initiation into the life of Faith, Holy Communion does and if you go to the Easter Vigil and watch adults being received into the Church you will see them being first baptised (or formally received if they have belonged to another Christian denomination) *then* Confirmed and then, later in the Mass, making their First Holy Communion. Even with the Bishop's renewed structure we're still getting things out of sync.

When a person is Confirmed, they are given the gifts of the Holy Spirit by which they are enabled to live the Sacramental life of a Catholic Christian. Without those gifts none of us can hope to grow to full spiritual maturity in our lives of Faith. The Bishop wishes to move the Sacrament closer to the celebration of the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion so as to ensure that more children have the opportunity to receive these gifts and so begin to live by the graces they promise. You might say that they have this opportunity now: they can choose to petition for the reception of the Sacrament if they're that bothered. The modern reality is that by the age of 13/14/15 they are running out of steam and are being massively pressured to abandon their Faith by their peers. (And this pressure happens as much in our Catholic high schools as it does in any other school, so let's not kid ourselves otherwise.) It is hoped that with the grace of the Sacrament working within them they have at least a slim chance of resisting such forces.

Christ needs foot soldiers for the work of grace and mercy that is so necessary in this modern world. The majority of that work is done, not by priests and religious, but by the laity. Our bishop is making sure that the spiritual soldiers under his command are suitably equipped and prepared to meet the battles that must be fought. They are battles for souls: our own and everyone else's. If you don't believe in a spiritual life then that last statement is pure tosh and you may as well dress the children up in posh frocks and throw cake at them...oh, wait...that's what happens to many of our children at Holy Communion-time, isn't it?! But if the spiritual life means anything to us then we need to roll up our sleeves, assess the task and all it needs and then get cracking with the work in hand. We have been appalled when the government has sent our soldiers into war zones poorly armed and supported. Last year we Confirmed about a dozen young people from this parish. According to the records that 'baptism year' we should have been Confirming nearer 50. We have allowed too many of our young people to go out into a tumultuous world with less than we can give them. Please pray for the young people of our communities, and their families, as they embark on this journey of grace.

Last Laugh: I love to sing and drink scotch. Most people would rather hear me drink scotch. *George Burns*