

# 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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**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 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

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## 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	25/11	Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	People Of The Parish
		St Paul's	6:30 pm	Barry Taylor
<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe</b>	26/11	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Doreen & Brian Summerscales
		St Paul's	11:30 am	Trevor Patrick Jowett
		St Paul's	3:30 pm	Service Of Prayer For Holy Souls
Monday	27/11	No Mass Today		
Tuesday	28/11	St Paul's	1:30 pm	<b>Requiem: John McKenna</b>
Wednesday	29/11	St Paul's	12 noon	November Dead List
Thursday <i>St Andrew</i>	30/11	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	November Dead List
Friday	01/12	St Paul's	10:30 am	<b>Requiem: Mary Hobson</b>
Saturday	02/12	St Paul's	11 am	Exposition & Benediction
		St Paul's	12 noon	Baby Salta
		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

**LATELY DEAD:** Please pray for John McKenna and Mary Hobson who have died recently. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:** Harry Bleakley (A), Annie Clough (A), Patrick Doherty (LD), Teresa Queenan.

### 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: MARY GALLAGHER (RIP)**

**SP: COLLUMBIEN FAMILY**

### CLUB

**SP: 1 Fr Simon**

**HS: 77 Gerard Lynne**

## **PARISH NOTICES**

**NOVEMBER DEAD LIST:** closes this week. If you want your loved ones to be included, please get your envelopes in by Thursday.

**YOUTH SERVICE:** There will be a second collection after all Masses this weekend.

**ST PAUL'S CRAFT GROUP:** there are some remaining items for sale at the back of church. Many thanks to all who supported last week's sale, which was a great success.

**SVP:** We are hoping to establish a new St Vincent de Paul conference in our Spen Valley mission which would draw on the combined talents of our two communities. The SVP conference exists to provide support both practical and spiritual, to everyone in need in our community regardless of faith affiliation. It also serves to develop and deepen the faith in its members. Next weekend, representatives from our diocesan SVP HQ will speak at all Masses. There will be a follow up meeting on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December in HS Hall at 6:30pm for anyone wanting to know more. Never mind New Years resolutions on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan; we begin our religious new year on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. There you go- sorted!!

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** We will have a parish memorial service for all our beloved dead which will be held this Sunday 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.

**HOLY SPIRIT CHRISTMAS FAYRE:** Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> in school starting at 12 noon. Donations required please for the various stalls-bottles, bottles-unwanted gifts-good quality toys-chocolate- bottles-mince pies- bottles-bric-a-brac. please note no books/dvds this year bottles are good though! —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. Also donations of bottles (if you hadn't guessed) would be more than welcome (especially if we want to encourage our Parish Priest to let the moths out of his wallet and buy some tickets!).

**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.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE:** urgently need bottles-beer/wine/water/shampoo/ketchup/any bottle !! cans will do as well. Also, would stall holders and anyone wishing to help- we need more volunteers- meet on Thursday November 30 at 6pm in the holy spirit parish room-donations can be brought in as well.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:** will be formally enrolled this weekend for the reception of the sacrament in February. Please keep them in your prayers.

**CONFESSIONS:** Starting next 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

**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.

**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.

### FROM YOUR PASTOR

During this past week we celebrated the feast of St Cecilia, virgin and martyr and patroness of musicians. Happy feast, if you're a musician. Almost nothing (except an approximate date of her death) is known about her. It was some 200 years after her death which took place during the persecutions of the Roman Emperors that a strong cult grew up around her, so strong that a basilica was erected to her honour in the mid 5<sup>th</sup> century. Some of the greatest composers in history have written about her and she seems to be a sort of muse for the virginal-like flowering of a new piece of music in the mind of a musical genius.

Anyway, because of the conviction of the newly-liberated church of the post-Roman empire, we can be pretty certain that she **was** both a virgin and a martyr who died because of her all-consuming love for Jesus. To our sophisticated ears, those terms can seem somewhat archaic themselves and thus 'discardable'. But they are vitally important to the life of Faith as they express the marriage bond that exists between God and His people. The Old and New Testament scriptures abound with examples of the imagery of a wedding feast and indeed, in our actual wedding liturgies we talk of how the newly weds are symbols of Christ's love for the Church, His Bride. This is not about some goody-two-shoes lass who's never been kissed; it's much deeper than that. It's about the absolute giving of Christ Himself to His people and our feeble attempts to do the same back. It's a call to us to get our act together and to put Christ at the centre of our lives.

Easier said than done; trust me, I know! Maybe you're like me and you're wondering where the year has gone? This time last year I was serving on a parish in the Diocese of Sacramento in California. This time last year, just like this year, I'm marvelling at 'what a difference a year can make'! As we watch time speed by, as we enter into December and the First Sunday of Advent in this coming week, we can perhaps find ourselves wondering (not marvelling) at the missed opportunities to deepen our Faith in and love for Christ, our King. This year, we have enthroned an earthly king in Westminster Abbey, but have we enthroned our Heavenly King in the depth of our hearts? St Cecilia and many others are presented to us by Holy Mother Church to remind us of this most important task, namely embracing Our Lord as the centre of our lives and, in the way spouses do, preferring absolutely nothing to Him. When He is at the centre of our universe everyone and everything else can fall into its rightful place and God's creative genius can be seen in everyone and everything. Last year, I learnt from my Mexican parishioners that such a conviction drove the Cristeros martyrs at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century who, as they were shot for insisting on Jesus' law against an atheistic law, shouted out: VIVA CRISTO REI! Would I be that courageous? Yes, but only if Jesus is enthroned in my hearts core as my love, my Saviour and my King.

**Last laugh:** I'm not saying he was a heavy drinker but the only thing that grew on his grave were hops!  
*Les Dawson*