

# 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 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 chrisburrows@ntlworld.com

**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	27/01	Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	Bridget & James Kelly
<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	28/01	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	People Of The Parish
		St Paul's	11:30 am	Stephen, Dorothy & Brian Homan
Monday	29/01	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>		
Tuesday	30/01	Holy Spirit	11 am	Exposition & Benediction
			12 noon	Chris & Margaret McLaughlin
Wednesday	31/01	St Paul's	9:30 am	Intention of David Honeybell (Ill)
		St Paul's	12 noon	<b>Funeral Service: Rohan McAndrew</b>
Thursday	01/02	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Intention of Sean Phillips (Ill)
		Holy Spirit	7 pm	Conferral of Sacrament of Confirmation
Friday	02/02	St Paul's	9:30 am	Bernard Greer
Saturday	03/02	St Paul's	10 am	Exposition & Benediction
			11 am	November Dead List
		Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	Charles Hutchinson (90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)
<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	04/02	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Cath Camponi
		St Paul's	11:30 am	Ada Byrne

**LATELY DEAD:** Please pray for all those who have died recently especially, Debbie Shoemith, Rohan McAndrew, Michael Murtagh, and Canon Joe Smith. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:** Robert Harland, David Honeybell, and Cath Camponi

### **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: TONI DANIELS**

**SP: THE LAPSE IN THE PARISH**

### **CLUB**

**SP: 81 Karen Dack**

**HS: 18 Ron Wilkinson**

## **FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

### **Holy Spirit**

**Mass Count: 163**

**Envelopes: £63 Loose: £187.27**

**Standing orders December  
£1409.00**

### **Our Lady & St Paul's**

**Mass Count: 102**

**Envelopes: £91.50 Loose: £151.80**

**Standing orders December  
£1361.00**

## **PARISH NOTICES**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will take place on the weekend of 11/12<sup>th</sup> May. Forms are available for parents to collect and complete. They are to be returned at the parents' meeting, 6:30pm in Holy Spirit church on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)** will meet again on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in Holy Spirit parish hall. If you are interested in membership, you are welcome to attend the meeting.

**SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:** Thank you to all who donated to the SVP Christmas collection in the parish. We raised a grand total of £605.

**CLEANERS AT HOLY SPIRIT:** We need volunteers to join the cleaning team at Holy Spirit Church. Keeping our churches clean and, in a manner, suitable for worship is of vital importance. It is a commitment of a few hours a week, hopefully not every week if we have enough volunteers. If you think that you can make the time please see Fr Simon after Mass.

**CONFIRMATION:** of 60+ children by Bishop Stock will take place in Holy Spirit Church this coming Thursday at 7pm. Please be aware that we are expecting large crowds so seating will be at a premium and will only be reserved for candidates and their sponsors.

**FLOWER ROTA:** There are still spaces on Our Lady & St Paul's rota. Please consider filling those spaces and do note that no flower arranger is expected to foot the bill for the flowers.

**PALMS, PALM CROSSES AND CRIB STRAW:** can be brought back to church from next weekend and placed in the boxes at the back of church. These will be burnt and will form the ashes which you will receive on Ash Wednesday. It'll soon be upon us!

**WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:** A huge thank you to all parishioners who donated to the White Flower Appeal last weekend a grand total of £477.77 was raised. This will go towards helping support the work of those who campaign against the evils of abortion and the defence of vulnerable, pregnant women. Thank you again for your generosity.

**HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMY** wishes to appoint one enthusiastic individual with the skills and knowledge necessary to fulfil the role of a Lunchtime Supervisor Assistant starting as soon as possible. For further information or to make an appointment to visit the school prior to completing an application, please contact Mrs C Bass on telephone: 01924 400820 to make an appointment. For more information on the school you can visit the school website [www.holyspiritprimary.co.uk](http://www.holyspiritprimary.co.uk) Application forms should be submitted through **My New Term** <https://www.mynewterm.com/jobs>

### FROM YOUR PASTOR

I recently rewatched Martin Scorsese's film "Silence" about the martyrs of Japan. It is a very powerful film and certainly not one for the squeamish. But for the fact that I'd probably be prosecuted for allowing underage children to see a 15-rated film, I'd take the young people who are to be Confirmed this week to see it along with most of you because we need to be occasionally reminded just what people have sacrificed for the Faith here and elsewhere. It's certainly not a Catholic-lite film, but I strongly suspect that low-level, Catholic-lite religion has helped to bring our country to the current sorry state of affairs in which it languishes. Christianity spread like wildfire in sixteenth-century Japan, thanks to the extraordinary effort and zeal of St Francis Xavier. However, in 1587, Emperor Hideyoshi ordered the banishment of all Catholics, forcing the Jesuit missionaries to operate from hiding. But outright persecution did not break out until late 1596, when Hideyoshi rounded up twenty-six Jesuits, Franciscans, and laypeople and prepared to martyr them.

Among the victims was Paul Miki, a Jesuit novice. Paul was from a noble family who converted together. Educated by Jesuits, the gifted youth joined their novitiate at age twenty-two. He had studied intensively the teachings of the Buddhists so as to be able to debate their priests and show his commitment to the teachings of Christ and the Church. Hideyoshi had the left ears of the twenty-six martyrs severed as a sign of disrespect and paraded them through Kyoto. Dressed in his simple black cassock, Paul stood out as the nobleman who had chosen to follow the Judean Peasant and many who recognised him later became converts. The martyrs were then taken to Nagasaki. They were tied to crosses and awaited the thrust of the executioner's spear. An eyewitness gave this account: *Our brother Paul Miki ... openly proclaimed that he was Japanese and a member of the Society of Jesus and that he was being put to death for having preached the gospel...He then added these words: "Having arrived at this moment of my existence, I believe that no one of you thinks I want to hide the truth. That is why I declare to you that there is no other way of salvation than the one followed by Christians. Since this way teaches me to forgive my enemies and all who have offended me, I willingly forgive the king and all those who have desired my death. And I pray that they will obtain the desire of Christian baptism." At this point, he turned his eyes toward his companions and began to encourage them in their final struggle. The faces of them all shone with great gladness. Another Christian shouted to him that he would soon be in paradise. "Like my Master," murmured Paul, "I shall die upon the cross. Like him, a lance will pierce my heart so that my blood and my love can flow out upon the land and sanctify it to his name."*

According to the witnesses, as they awaited death the entire group sang the canticle of Zachary (see Luke 1:67-79). The executioners stood by respectfully until they had intoned the last verse. Then at a given signal they thrust their spears into the victims' sides. On that day, February 5, 1597, the church of Japan welcomed its first martyrs. I pray that I might have just a fraction of that courage. Let us pray for our young parishioners who will be Confirmed this week. I have an uneasy feeling that they are going to need such courage as they lead us into the 'tomorrow' of the Church in this country. They need to be reassured that though the armies of hell may stand against the Church into which they are Confirmed, those armies will not prevail. Jesus said so!

*Wit thanks to Bert Gbezzi*