

# 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 10:00-10:45 (SP) 3:45-4:15pm (HS) 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

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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	06/01	Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	George & Mary Mitchell
<b>The Epiphany of The Lord</b>	07/01	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	People of The Parish
		St Paul's	11:30 am	Sarah Pattinson (LD)
Monday <i>The Baptism of The Lord</i>	08/01	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>		
Tuesday	09/01	Holy Spirit	11 am	Exposition & Benediction
			12 noon	Teresa Queenan
Wednesday	10/01	St Paul's	12 noon	Maria Richardson
Thursday	11/01	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Margaret Oldham
Friday <i>St Aelred</i>	12/01	St Paul's	8:30 am	Winifred Marie Sanderson (LD)
Saturday <i>St Hilary</i>	13/01	St Paul's	10 am	Exposition & Benediction
			11 am	Michael Harland
		Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	Valerie Senior
<b>Second Week In Ordinary Time</b>	14/01	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Neil Hollington (Anniversary)
		St Paul's	11:30 am	People Of The Parish

**LATELY DEAD:** Please pray for all those who have died recently especially Kathleen Riordan, Mgrs Peter Grant, Dermot McGill and Beryl Hainsworth. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:** Stephen, Dorothy & Brian Homan, David Hodgson (LD), Michael Edward Harland, Maria Richardson, Winifred Marie Sanderson (LD), Muriel Taylor (LD), Bernard Greer(LD), Neil Hollington (A), Beryl Hainsworth (LD), Rita Moore, Mary Numan, Joe Bearpark (5)

### 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: THOSE SUFFERING WITH A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS**

**SP: HOLY SOULS**

### CLUB

**SP:**

**HS: 22 Susan Moreland**

## **FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

### **Holy Spirit**

**Mass Count: 124**

**Envelopes: £48 Loose: £153.52**

**Standing orders November  
£1436.00**

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

**Mass Count: 116**

**Envelopes: £109.00 Loose: £169.43**

**Standing orders November  
£1879.50**

## **PARISH NOTICES**

**CRAFTING/SEWING BEES** will be meeting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00am.

**NEW MASS SCHEDULE:** A reminder that, commencing on this weekend our new Sunday Mass schedule is as follows: Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30pm (Holy Spirit); Sunday 9:30am (Holy Spirit) & 11:30am (St Paul's). Also, the Saturday Mass at St Paul's will move to 11am (Exposition & Benediction at 10 am).

**CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL:** As you know, on 1<sup>st</sup> February the Bishop will be coming to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our young people, as well as other young people from the surrounding parishes. Due to the large numbers involved and the space available, the 'guest-list' will need to be very limited. There will be a rehearsal for our young people after each of the Masses on the weekend of 28/29<sup>th</sup> January. So, after Mass, please remain behind for a few moments whilst we go through what you need to know for 'the big day'. Also, with this weekend's Confirmation card, there is a slip for candidates to fill in with regards to Confirmation name and the name of sponsors. A reminder to candidates who were baptised in other churches other than the 2 in our parish: if you haven't provided proof of baptism you must do so as soon as possible. Without proof of baptism the Bishop will be unable to administer the sacrament.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** will take place at whatever Mass the child usually attends over the weekend of 11/12<sup>th</sup> May. This is to ensure that as many of our parishioners as possible get to share in this great day for our parish community. We will mark this great event with a party for our children who have received the sacraments of initiation later in the summer.

**FRIDAY MASS:** please note that this coming Friday Mass will be celebrated an hour earlier than usual in St Paul's as Fr Simon has to attend a meeting in Hinsley Hall which starts at 10am.

**SVP:** The next meeting will take place on Thursday (11<sup>th</sup>) at 7pm in St Paul's. Anyone who is interested in finding out more or becoming a member of our new group is welcome to attend.

**FR SIMON:** wishes to thank you all for your generous gifts and cards over the last few weeks and for your kind words of encouragement. They are very much appreciated. Many thanks also to all who helped to make the Christmas celebrations look so beautiful, sound so well and go so swimmingly. What a team!

**HOLY SPIRIT 150 CLUB:** payments will be collected over the next two weeks.

### FROM YOUR PASTOR

How are the New Year's resolutions going? Well, I hope. I have resolved to be more organised and ruthless in my planning, which is why I am typing this a whole day (as opposed to a whole hour) before it's due to be handed in for publication in the bulletin. It's quite a pleasant feeling being this organised, but I know enough about myself to know that I need to keep an eye on myself if it's going to last beyond the weekend.

When I applied to be admitted to the seminary in 1993, the diocese had just started to insist on psychological assessments for all its candidates. At that time, terrible crimes were beginning to be reported and it made obvious sense that some serious work needed to be done on the part of those concerned with training. Not everyone was happy to subject themselves to such intense and invasive scrutiny and whilst I had some initial anxieties, I actually found the process very liberating and enlightening. One of the many observations which was made about me was, "Simon is naturally absent-minded, and there will be little he will be able to do to correct this." The cheek! But, because it was true, it made so much sense of a lot of other things which used to frustrate me. So, I supposed I should just roll over and accept it. After all, the 'new science' had spoken and, as we have learnt recently, science is always right, right? Our great leaders make earth-shattering decisions whilst being led by the science. Even our schools and our Church leans a little too heavily on the science of data analysis for my liking. As Bishop Fulton Sheen used to say, "Statistics are often used in much the same way as a drunk uses a lamp-post: for support rather than illumination."

Well, as I'm getting older and learning to fight inwardly an overwhelming pessimism in Church and State (to which I would naturally incline), I am reminding myself that a leopard CAN change its spots, but only by grace. We have just celebrated that feast which hangs on the premiss that "nothing is impossible to God" and so, putting my money where my mouth is, I lean into a more dependent prayer that asks God to bridge the gaps in my life, not just where my resolutions come acropper, but in all those areas of my life where I have become resigned to things being as they are and have become despondent about every changing hard-wired behaviour. The action of grace in our lives of faith teach us that, with God's help, leopards can change their spots, and old dogs can be taught new tricks. It has also been the season for "God-with-us"; let's not forget that as we move into this New Year together.

Last Laugh: *"One birthday my father bought me a bat. I went out to play with it and it flew away."* Tommy Cooper