

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 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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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	13/01	Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	Valerie Senior
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	14/01	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Neil Hollington (Anniversary)
		St Paul's	11:30 am	People Of The Parish
Monday	15/01	NO MASS TODAY		
Tuesday	16/01	NO MASS TODAY		
Wednesday <i>St Anthony</i>	17/01	NO MASS TODAY		
Thursday	18/01	NO MASS TODAY		
Friday <i>St Wulstan</i>	19/01	NO MASS TODAY		
Saturday <i>St Sebastian</i>	20/01	NO 11 AM MASS TODAY		
		Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	Katie Moran
Third Sunday In Ordinary Time	21/01	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Yorkshire Brethren
		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: Katie Moran (A), Deceased members of Johana Taylor's family, Bridget & James Kelly, Beryl Hainsworth (2), Andy Garnon, Nick Garnon

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: THE UNITY OF EASTER & CHRISTMAS

SP: MCHALE FAMILY

CLUB

SP:

HS:

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Holy Spirit

Mass Count: 170

Envelopes: £112.00 Loose: £173.11

Standing orders December
£1409.00

Our Lady & St Paul's

Mass Count: 107

Envelopes: £115.00 Loose: £186.61

Standing orders December
£1361.00

PARISH NOTICES

THE SOUP LUNCH will take place in St Paul's parish hall this coming Wednesday (17th) at 12:30pm. Tickets are on sale after Mass this weekend. NB: There won't be a 12noon Mass on Wednesday because Fr Simon will be taking his Christmas break.

THE ANNUAL WHITE FLOWER APPEAL will take place next weekend 20/ 21st January. Your financial contribution will help to support the work of those who campaign against the evils of abortion and the defence of vulnerable, pregnant women.

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) will meet again on Thursday 25th January at 7pm in Holy Spirit parish hall. If you are interested in knowing more about the society or are considering becoming a member, you will be very welcome to attend the meeting.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL: As you know, on 1st 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 28/29th January. So, after Mass, please remain behind for a few moments whilst we go through what you need to know for 'the big day'. 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.

HOLY SPIRIT 150 CLUB: This is the last weekend for collection of payments.

WEEKLY ONLINE MEDITATIONS FROM THE BRIERY: these will resume on Thursday 18th January. Join us for a short meditation on the Sunday Gospel from 7.30pm to 8.15pm. The Zoom opens at 7.15pm for a chat. All are welcome. Register for Zoom link by emailing: admin@briery.co.uk or call 01943 607287.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

This coming week, in attempt to stimulate my little grey cells, I was reading about Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr. She was declared a Patron of Europe by Pope St John Paul II when he canonised her. At the time of her death, she was a Carmelite nun and her name in religion is the name she bears as a saint. However, her origins couldn't have been more different to her end.

St Teresa Benedicta was born Edith Stein in 1891 in Breslau, Poland, the youngest child of a large Jewish family. She was an outstanding student and was well versed in philosophy with a particular interest in phenomenology. In its most basic form, phenomenology attempts to create conditions for the objective study of topics usually regarded as subjective: consciousness and the content of conscious experiences such as judgments, perceptions, and emotions. Although phenomenology seeks to be scientific, it does not attempt to study consciousness from the perspective of clinical psychology or neurology. Instead, it seeks through systematic reflection to determine the essential properties and structures of experience.

Needless to say, those last few sentences didn't come out my head but are cropped from Wikipedia! That kind of philosophy seems almost impossible to define (never mind understand) but suffice it to say that Edith found that it had moral implications for her life. She wrote extensively on the subject and this proved to be both (partial) evidence of her sanctity as far as the Vatican was concerned and her death warrant as far as the Nazis were concerned. Edith's philosophical approach was in stark contrast to the channeled hatred of Socialist policies which happily excluded moral absolutes from its approach to Jews and minorities. Edith insisted that you couldn't isolate parts of the moral consciousness to suit you or your ideas. Cut a very long story short: Edith's studies and inquisitive mind led to her becoming interested in the Catholic Faith, and in 1922, she was baptized at the Cathedral in Cologne, Germany. Eleven years later Edith entered the Cologne Carmel. As a result of the vile politics in Germany, Edith, now Sr. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, was sent to the Carmel at Echt, Holland for her own safety.

However, when the Nazis conquered Holland, Teresa was arrested, and, with her sister Rose, was sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz. Teresa died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz in 1942 at the age of 51. Even though her life was snuffed out by the satanic evil of genocide, her memory, her writings and her search for the Absolute stand as a light undimmed in the midst of evil, darkness, and suffering. As Patroness of Europe, we need her more than ever to assist us to cut through the murky agenda of some of our elected representatives who seek to jettison the Christian heritage upon which their very existence is predicated. St Teresa Benedicta became a beautiful light in an era of manifest darkness and evil; in our day when evil is more subtle and alluring, this saint challenges us to accept the moral life as the 'seamless garment' as it is and not to become a people who pick and choose the bits that suit us.

Last laugh: I'm so old, when I was a boy the Dead Sea was only sick! *George Burns*