

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 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	03/02	Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	Charles Hutchinson (90 th Birthday)
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	04/02	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Cath Camponi
		St Paul's	11:30 am	Ada Byrne
Monday <i>St Agatha</i>	05/02	NO MASS TODAY		
Tuesday <i>Ss Paul Miki & Companions</i>	06/02	Dewsbury Crem	11:15 am	Funeral: Michael Murtagh
		Holy Spirit	12:30	Robert Harland
Wednesday	07/02	St Paul's	12 noon	Deceased Family of Johanna Taylor
Thursday <i>St Jerome Emiliani</i>	08/02	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Yorkshire Brethren
Friday	09/02	St Paul's	9:30 am	Muriel Taylor
Saturday <i>St Scholastica</i>	10/02	St Paul's	10 am	Exposition & Benediction
			11 am	Andy Gannon
		Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	Doreen Fletcher
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11/02	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	People of the Parish
		St Paul's	11:30 am	Beryl Hainsworth

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

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: John Cox (A)

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: PASTOR SIMON

SP: BRENDA CAINE

CLUB

SP: 16 James Ford

HS: 56 Barbara Lewis

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Holy Spirit</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mass Count: 176</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Envelopes: £87.00 Loose: £175.99</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Standing orders December £1409.00</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Our Lady & St Paul's</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mass Count: 98</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Envelopes: £134.00 Loose: £114.77</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Standing orders December £1361.00</p>
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PARISH NOTICES

URGENT APPEAL FOR MOUNT ST JOSEPH'S CARE HOME: The Little Sisters of the Poor have had to take the heartbreaking decision to close their Leeds Care Home after RAAC concrete was found in 95% of the roof. Over the next few months all 62 residents must be re-homed and over 90 staff face redundancy. The Sisters must meet costs upwards of £500,000 to keep everyone safe until all residents have been found new homes. More details here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/urgent-appeal/>. Please bring this story to the attention of anyone you think may be able to help financially.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will take place on the weekend of 11/12th 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 22nd February.

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

CONFIRMATIONS: Bishop Marcus visited Holy Spirit on 1st February to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to candidates from both our parish and other parishes in the Deanery. Congratulations to all those who were confirmed. Please continue to pray for them as they continue in their life in faith.

LENTEN ALMS BOXES: will be available from next weekend. You are invited to pop money into them throughout the up-coming season of Lent. Remember, a significant part of our Lenten 'fast' is focussed on alms giving. This year, our collected alms will be given to "Friends of the Holy Land". On the 2nd Sunday of Lent, we will have a speaker at each Mass who will inform us further about the current plight of our Christian brothers and sisters who are caught up in the conflict in the Holy Land.

ADVANCED NOTICE OF ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: 9:30am (HS), 12noon (StP), 7pm (HS)
NB: Ash Wednesday is not a holyday of obligation, but if you are able you are strongly encouraged to start the Lenten observance with participation in the Eucharist.

MY LENT DAY BY DAY BOOKS: are now available at the back of church for £1 each.

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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Friday February 23rd. Envelopes are available from the back of church.

PALMS, PALM CROSSES AND CRIB STRAW: can be brought back to church from this 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.

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 Application forms should be submitted through **My New Term** <https://www.mynewterm.com/jobs>

FROM YOUR PASTOR

During last week, we celebrated the feast of St John Bosco, the founder of the Salesian Order. Bosco's charism was very much focussed on the young people in his area (southern Italy). Practically speaking, in the later 19th century, as the industrial revolution really began to take hold in Italy, work was plentiful for the cheap labour of youth (much as it was in the Heavy Woollen District) but this did nothing to alleviate the poverty that the vast majority were born into. John Bosco sought to give young people a lift out of poverty through a comprehensive education.

The Catholic schools in this country stem from much the same vision: education is a way out of poverty, and our schools are, rightly, very proud of their history of meeting that need. Today, with some notable and scandalous exceptions, our children are not subject to the same kind of grinding poverty that the children of John Bosco's parish faced, or that your grandparents faced in the streets of Spen Valley. But make no mistake, they do face a desperate kind of poverty which is equally dangerous. It is the poverty of the spirit whereby their souls are simply not being fed with the solid nutrition of the Holy Spirit and Faith. School is doing the best it can but it can only build on what is given in the home but if a child's soul isn't being properly fed in the home, the school is fighting an uphill battle. That battle becomes more severe as the child leaves the security of a primary school to enter into adolescence in the wider society of high school (be that Catholic or not). Our secular society is hardwired to spiritually starving our children. We must teach them how to be resilient in the face of the onslaught which they will face as they grow older.

This is why I make such a stink about the proper, Catholic, sacramental education of the children of the parish and the importance of bringing the children to the sacraments **REGULARLY** and not just at photo-opportunity time. We would rightly consider it a crime if someone knew that a child was being deprived of food for the body and did nothing. Jesus makes it clear that if anyone who does this is bringing fire down on their own heads (Matthew ch18). It is my duty to call this out as much for the benefit of parents as for the children themselves. I do it, not be an 'old-fashioned', bolshy priest but because I know how beautiful it is to see a child blossom and flourish as completely as God intends them to. Please join me in calmly, compassionately yet firmly insisting that the families of the parish do the same. We must give our families every support they need to fulfil their promise to bring children up in the practice of the Faith (rite of Baptism). You can take a horse to water, but you can't make it drink – it's a true saying, but you have to at least give it a chance by showing it the water.

Last laugh: I tend to sleep in the nude. Which isn't a bad thing except perhaps on those long-haul flights. *Bob Monkhouse*