

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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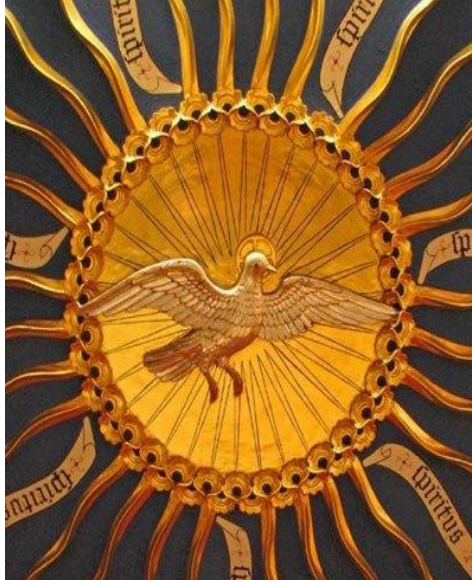
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EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: See Weekly Schedule

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)

These times may vary, please check schedule on inside of bulletin.

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	10/02	Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	Doreen Fletcher
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11/02	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	People of the Parish
		St Paul's	11:30 am	Beryl Hainsworth
Monday	12/02	NO MASS TODAY		
Tuesday	13/02	Holy Spirit	8:45 am	Exposition & Benediction
		Holy Spirit	9:30 am	November Dead List
Wednesday <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	14/02	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Rita Moore
		St Paul's	12 noon	Beryl Hainsworth
		Holy Spirit	7 pm	Benedict Bass
Thursday	15/02	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	November dead List
		Holy Spirit	4:15 pm	Reception of Body: David Honeybell
Friday	16/02	St Paul's	10 am	Requiem: David Honeybell
Saturday	17/02	St Paul's	10 am	Exposition & Benediction
			11 am	Beryl Hainsworth
		Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	Doreen Fletcher
First Sunday of Lent	18/02	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	People of the Parish
		St Paul's	11:30 am	Mick Ganon
		Holy Spirit	3:30 pm	Stations of The Cross

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

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: David Honeybell (3), Horace Palethorpe, Linda Harrison (LD).

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: GAZA & UKRAINE

SP: MATTHEW LYNN

CLUB

SP: 3 Andrew Lemon

HS: 32 Kevin Moran

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Holy Spirit

Mass Count: 185

Envelopes: £81.00 Loose: £201.38

Standing orders December
£1409.00

Our Lady & St Paul's

Mass Count: 115

Envelopes: £152 Loose: £208.45

Standing orders December
£1361.00

PARISH NOTICES

READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND ANYONE ELSE: There will be a talk on Saturday 16th March 11:30 in St Paul's Hall. As well as spiritual input, there will be practical details to be addressed. We should be over and done by 1:30pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS- WANTED: someone (or somebodies!) to lead Stations of the Cross after Masses during the week throughout Lent. You can use whichever form you wish. Please see Fr Simon. He will Lead Stations and Benediction each Sunday afternoon during Lent. See schedule for location.

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL: will be making the Stations (and having Benediction) on a Thursday during Lent. All parishioners are welcome to join them. See schedule after half term.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE: to give opportunities for workers to attend a weekday Mass during Lent we shall move the usual Tuesday schedule to 7pm for a trial period. Likewise, to facilitate the school making the Stations Thursday Mass will move to 10am.

WANTED! A team of people to act as Sacristans, Welcomers and Ecumenical Reps with the local Churches Together. Sheets will go out next weekend for you to sign against; so, if you're looking for something to 'take on' as your Lenten Discipline, look no further!! Any questions will be gladly answered by your Pastor.

HANDY PERSON: St Paul's Hall gets great usage and we're aiming to do the same with the newly renovated hall at Holy Spirit. We could do with some 'named people' who can be called on by our clients in the event of a problem occurring (e.g. lack of heat, no water, electrical failure etc.) You may not be able to fix the problem, but we can furnish you with a list of professionals we use whom you can call on. Fr Simon is often out of the presbytery during the day so isn't much help in an immediate situation and besides, he can barely tie his own shoelaces.

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.

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.

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

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

THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS CHRIST: re-enacted by the 6th form students of St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy. Friday 22nd March 12 noon at Longcauseway Church. Please come along and show your support.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

As I type this, I've just come in from burning the first load of palms that you started to bring back last weekend. So far, I've enough ash for Ash Wednesday and every Wednesday for the next year, so expect a very liberal dusting next week! Please keep bringing your old palms in and if any come in after this weekend, I'll use them in the Easter fire. It makes me feel all 'sustainable' and something like a 'recycling god', even though I nearly choked on the smoke. I'm not quite sure what the neighbours think, either!

It seemed ironic that as I burnt the old palms, a box of new palms for Palm Sunday was delivered and then it seemed a bit strange that having blessed something for spiritual use I was now burning it within the year. But there's great theology in this action. Firstly, it reminds us that the liturgical year, like our own lives, goes in cycles: there's a time for something new and there's a time for letting go in order that we might make way for the new again. Our lives (and the seasons of the year) are like that: letting things go so that they can be consumed by the years and age, but fully expecting that something new will rise from the ashes of our lives. Secondly, it's a reminder that nothing is so blessed and sacred in this world that it is immovable and permanent. All must give way to God's plan, whatever that is, and that includes, the earth, the sun, the moon and our very lives, of course. It strikes me that within the noble ethics of caring for the earth there is an element of fear at the passing of things and a (deranged) idea that if we all try hard enough, the world will exist forever. It won't; our Faith doesn't teach that. Sure, we mustn't abuse the gift of the earth which has been entrusted to us, but neither must we make an idol of it. There has to be a balance. As The Byrds sang back in the day, paraphrasing the wisdom of the ancients, "To everything...there is a season (turn, turn, turn) and a time for everything under heaven.(turn, turn, turn)"

This week we turn again to the season of Lent and we mark ourselves with an outward symbol of the 'dusty' nature that is truly ours. The missal prayers remind us that for the faithful Christian this shouldn't be a gloomy season but a time of joy at the thought of the endless renewal of life that is afforded us by our great and gracious God. Let us not waste this sacred time.

Last Laugh: I'm going to shower like Frank Sinatra and so, I'll face my vinyl curtain. *Author unknown, or too ashamed to admit ownership!*