

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

Holy Spirit: Chris Burrows chrisburrows@ntlworld.com

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Safeguarding

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	09/03	Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	David Honeybell
Fourth Sunday of Lent <i>Laetare Sunday</i>	10/03	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	People of The Parish
		St Paul's	11:30 am	Peggy Bowler
		St Paul's	3:30 pm	Stations of The Cross & Benediction
Monday	11/03	NO MASS TODAY		
Tuesday	12/03	Holy Spirit	6:15 pm	Exposition & Benediction
			7 pm	Brian Hutton
Wednesday	13/03	St Paul's	12 noon	Edward Gardner
Thursday	14/03	Holy Spirit	9:15 am	Stations & Benediction (School Present)
			10 am	Stephen Cordwell
Friday	15/03	Holy Spirit	12 noon	Requiem: Nicola Furness
Saturday	16/03	St Paul's	10 am	Exposition & Benediction
			11 am	November Dead List
		Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	Ellen Green
Fifth Sunday of Lent <i>Passiontide</i>	17/03	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	People of The Parish
		St Paul's	11:30 am	Marie Healey
		Holy Spirit	3:30 pm	Stations of The Cross & Benediction

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for all those who have died recently especially, Geoff Campioni, Marie Healey, Nicola Furness. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Marie Healey (2), Gloria Early, Mavis Edwards, Michael Heslop, Philip Taylor, Geoff Camponi, Pauline Hughes, Missionaries killed in 2023.

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: SHEENA CURLEY

SP: N HART

CLUB

SP: 65 Ann Beaumont

HS: 15 Jane Tolson

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Holy Spirit

Mass Count: 210

Envelopes: £94.00 Loose: £183.47

Standing orders January
£1784.00

Our Lady & St Paul's

Mass Count: 131

Envelopes: £119.30 Loose: £135.30

Standing orders January
£2091.50

PARISH NOTICES

MASS OF ANOINTING FOR THE SICK: Wednesday 20th March at Our Lady and St Paul's. Mass begins at 12 noon and is followed by refreshments. Sign up sheets are available at the back of church, if you know someone who would like to come but needs transport. Please put their name and contact number on the sheet. Volunteers are needed to drive people to church please let Peter Moreland know if you are willing to do this on 07493230055.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: for children **not** attending our Catholic Schools will begin next Sunday- 17th March at 10:30 in St Paul's parish hall.

ST PAUL'S: Soup Lunches have raised £60 in January and £100 in February, and Sunday coffees have raised £200. Thank you to all those who give their time to help and all those who support by attending.

CONFESSIONS: From this weekend until Palm Sunday there will be confessions after every weekend Mass as well as the usual times.

LENTEN TALKS: Fr Mark Naughton (pastor of St John's, Normanton) will lead us in **reflections on the Passover on Friday 22nd March at 7pm in Holy Spirit hall**. Please sign up on the sheets provided at the back of church. Children at First Communion age and above are very welcome to attend. Fr Naughton asks that each individual/couple/family bring some wine or grape juice. If you're bringing the former, don't bring your car!! Gentlemen, bring a hat or head-covering.

CATHOLIC CARE ANNUAL APPEAL: 9-10th March 2024. Please give as generously as you are able, to enable us to continue our work. In 2023, in its 160th Anniversary Year, the Charity supported over 2,700 people in need. Suggested ways to assist: 1) Become a Friend of Catholic Care, details at <https://catholic-care.org.uk/support-us/friends-of-catholic-care/> 2) Contribute regularly by standing order - Bank details: Catholic Care (Diocese of Leeds) 05-00-20; 11472611. 3) If you are a UK taxpayer and would like to Gift Aid your donation, please email finance@catholic-care.org.uk

EMAIL ADDRESS: Could anyone wishing to contact Fr Simon or the office via email please use the official email address at the top of the bulletin for all e-communication
(office.holyspiritstpaul@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

UPDATED ROTAS FOR READERS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS at St. Paul's have been pinned up at the back of church. Please check to see when you will be needed. Paper copies of the next rota will be available in a few weeks' time.

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.

MASS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WHO HAVE LEARNING OR SENSORY

DIFFICULTIES: Masses are currently celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at 3pm, at St Joseph's church in Wetherby. All are welcome. There are sensory devices and ear defenders if required and musical instruments for the children to use at the final hymn. Through experiencing our celebrations together, our hope is that they will become far more comfortable and have the confidence to attend their own parish Masses and communities too. After Mass we gather in the hall for crafts centred around the liturgical season, also, tea, coffee and cakes. This is also a great opportunity for parents to talk together and gain confidence and support from each other

CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE On Saturday 18th May, there will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral at 12noon for couples and their families celebrating their 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. There will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows during the liturgy. If you are celebrating the anniversary of your wedding and you would like to take part in this celebration, please fill out the application form which is available at the back of church and send it to the Bishop's Secretary: Miss Anne Cooke, Bishop's House, 13 North Grange Road, Leeds, LS6 2BR or Email it to: bishop.secretary@dioceseofleeds.org.uk, by Friday 3rd May 2024..

FROM YOUR PASTOR

One of the key readings that crops up every year during Lent is the gospel reading of The Prodigal Son. So popular and well known is this passage that the term 'prodigal' is often used in routine conversation with this story in mind. There are so many rich layers in this story that it would be foolish to cover them all in one go as so much could be missed. Let me focus on one point that Fr Henri Nouwen highlighted for me (in my spiritual reading this week). He notes that the younger son decides to come home, not to say sorry, but because his sinning has put him in mortal danger. He's covering his back and he doesn't even actually intend to say sorry directly to his father; it's all sort of backhanded. I think he's an awful pain in the *derrière* and, when this was pointed out to me by Fr Nouwen I thought "I'd love to give him a savage kick in the pants." Just like the elder brother...!

My 'elder brother mode' aside (to be dealt with later), all of this is irrelevant to the Forgiving Father. He just wants his beloved child home whatever the reason. He doesn't lay down ground rules and tests; his mercy is utterly free and totally unconditional. This is a story of 'coming home' and that return to place of mercy can be returned to at any time, for whatever reason (or none). In Lent, we examine ourselves as to how we have turned away from the embrace of God and our identity as His Beloved Child and settled for sloppy seconds and thirds. God wants us to have the *crème de la crème* – nothing less is worthy of His Beloved Ones. Indeed, this very weekend, we remind ourselves that Mothering Sunday was originally a weekend set aside whereby those who had wandered far from home (for work or whatever) would return to their Mother Church (of baptism and sacramental grace) and to their own mothers. Again, a 'coming home' to where love is.

This weekend through to and including Palm Sunday, I will be hearing confessions immediately after Masses (as well as the usual times). If it's been a while, now is the time to 'come home' to the arms of your holy Mother, the Church who ministers God's love, mercy and grace in His name. Don't cut off your nose to spite your face; that's pride (and it's a Deadly Sin). Just saying.

Lenten Wisdom: Lenten practises of giving up pleasures are a good reminder that the purpose of life is not pleasure. The purpose of life is to attain an undying ecstatic love – which is the definition of God. In pursuing that goal we find true happiness and contentment. *Venerable Fulton J Sheen*