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

St Paul's: Roman Kacprzak rzkap@icloud.com

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	16/03	Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	Ellen Green
Fifth Sunday of Lent	17/03	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	People of The Parish
Passiontide begins		St Paul's	11:30 am	Marie Healey
		Holy Spirit	3:30 pm	Stations of The Cross & Benediction
Monday	18/03	NO MASS TODAY		
Tuesday St Joseph Spouse of the	19/03	Holy Spirit	6:15 pm	Exposition & Benediction
Blessed Virgin Mary			7 pm	Kathleen Riordan
Wednesday	20/03	St Paul's	12 noon	Ruddy Dunwell (Mass of Annointing)
Thursday	21/03	Holy Spirit	9:15 am	Stations & Benediction (With School)
			10 am	Msgr Peter Grant
			7 pm	Healing Service
Friday	22/03	St Paul's	12 noon	Canon W Daly
Saturday	23/03	St Paul's	10 am	Exposition & Benediction
			11 am	People of The Parish
		Holy Spirit	4:30 pm	Harry English
Palm Sunday	24/03	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Jack & Kitty Caine
		St Paul's	11:30 am	Michael Heslop
		St Paul's	3:30 pm	Stations of The Cross & Benediction

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for all those who have died recently especially, Marie Healey, Brenda Caine, Damien Mark Wright, Nicholas Hart, Sheena Massey (nee Curley). May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Ruddy Dunwell, Geoff Camponi, Philip Briggs

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: MICHAEL JARMAN (RIP) SP: IN THANKSGIVING (EB) HS: 48 Beverly Smith

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Holy Spirit

Mass Count: 188

Envelopes: £76.00 **Loose**: £235.82

Standing orders February

£1,409.00

Our Lady & St Paul's

Mass Count: 105

Envelopes: £94.00 **Loose:** £128.06

Standing orders February

£,1802.50

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.

REQUIEM MASS: for Geoff Camponi will be held at 1:30pm on Thursday 21st March at St Mary's Batley.

CONFESSIONS: Up until and including Palm Sunday there will be confessions after every weekend Mass as well as the usual times. There will also be an opportunity after the healing service on Thursday evening.

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.

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.

CATHOLIC CARE ANNUAL APPEAL: Our Parishes managed to raise £334.85. Thank you to everyone who donated. A few copies of the Bishop's pastoral letter which accompanied the appeal are still available at the back of church.

FLAME 2025: The largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales. Join thousands of young people for a day of music, prayer, worship, talks from great speakers and much more at Wembley Arena, London, Saturday 15th March 2025! £70 per person (including return coach travel). Email youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk to book yours!

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: 5-11th July 2024 from Leeds/Bradford Airport: The theme is 'and that people should come in Procession'. Booking now open and places are filling up. Please book with Tangney Tours T: 01732 886666 or online: https://www.tangneytours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-leeds/_Further information is available at

https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage/_If you are interested in volunteering, (especially appealing for doctors, particularly GPs and nurses) please contact: lourdes.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. Dates for your diary: Sunday 14th April Meet the pilgrims, Hinsley Hall, 2-4pm. Saturday 8th June Pre-departure Mass 11:30am Leeds Cathedral.

TRUSTEES VACANCIES: Catholic Care is recruiting new Trustees to increase the breadth of knowledge and experience on its established Board of Trustees. Applicants with experience of property management are particularly welcome. An opportunity to live your faith through action. For further information please visit www.catholic-care.org.uk.

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

The statues have been veiled and the liturgy moves into a higher gear as we enter Passiontide. I don't know about you, but for once Lent has gone by very quickly. Normally, it drags for me. As I thought about this during the week I found myself getting a bit down about what a seemingly fruitless Lent it appears to have been for me. And then I came across this prayer by Fr Henri Nouwen. It's given me space to rethink what this Lent has been about and what is still to be revealed for me. If you need it, I hope it lifts your spirits and focusses your mind a little more clearly too.

O Lord, this holy season of Lent is passing quickly; I entered into it with trepidation, but also with great expectations. I hoped for a great breakthrough, a powerful conversion, a real change of heart; I wanted Easter to be a day so full of light that not even a trace of darkness would be left in my soul. But I know that you do not come to your people with thunder and lightning. Even St Paul and St Francis journeyed through much darkness before they could see your light. Let me be thankful for your gentle way. I know you are at work. I know you will not leave me alone; I know you are quickening me for Easter – but in a way that is fitting to my own history and my own temperament.

I pray that these last (two) weeks, in which you invite me to enter more fully into the mystery of your Passion, will bring me a greater desire to follow you on the way you create for me and to accept the cross that you give to me. Let me die to the desire to choose my own way and select my own cross.

You do not want to make me a hero but a servant who loves you. Be with me tomorrow and in the days to come and let me experience your gentle presence. Amen.

Lenten Wisdom: We rise and we fall. And both are the mercy of God. *Dame Julian of Norwich*