

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

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	23/03	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
Monday	25/03	NO MASS TODAY		
Tuesday	26/03	Holy Spirit	6 pm	Exposition & Benediction
			7 pm	Geoff Camponi
Wednesday	27/03	Leeds Cathedral	11 am	Chrism Mass (All Welcome)
Thursday <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	28/03	Holy Spirit	7 pm	Mass of The Lords Supper (watching until 9:30 pm)
Friday <i>Good Friday</i>	29/03	Holy Spirit	3 pm	Celebration of The Lords Passion & Death
		St Paul's	7 pm	Stations & Veneration of The Cross
Saturday <i>Holy Saturday</i>	30/03	Holy Spirit	7 pm	Solemn Vigil of Easter
				People of The Parish
Easter Sunday	31/03	Holy Spirit	9:30 am	Sheena Massey -Nee Curley (Lately Dead)
		St Paul's	11:30 am	Brenda Caine (Lately Dead)

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: Sr Ifunanya Igwe, Geoff Camponi (2), Catherine Squires, intentions of Edna Caine, Andrea Healy (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: DECEASED PRIESTS

SP: GODS GRACE AND PEACE (THE UDUGBEZIS)

CLUB

SP: 54 Eileen Dixon

HS:63 Patricia Stott

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Holy Spirit</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mass Count: 209</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Envelopes: £91.00 Loose: £201.52</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Standing orders February £1,409.00</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Our Lady & St Paul's</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mass Count: 100</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Envelopes: £157.51 Loose: £227.34</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Standing orders February £1802.50</p>

PARISH NOTICES

CONFESSIONS: Palm Sunday there will be confessions after Mass as well as the usual times.

HOLY THURSDAY: During the Mass of the Lord's Supper, obeying Jesus' command, you will be invited to symbolically wash a foot of one of your fellow parishioners. Fr Simon (who dislikes everyone's feet including his own!) will explain all. No one will be forced into doing this, but if you're prepared to give it a go, come prepared. In other words, don't wear tights!!

ALTAR OF REPOSE: It would be nice to create a 'garden' for the Blessed Sacrament to be reposed into at the end of the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Why not bring your house plants to church so that we can place them about the altar. Leave them at the altar before Mass and they can be collected on Good Friday or Holy Saturday.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS: We will take a collection this weekend to help offset the cost of the Easter flowers in both of our churches. On Good Friday there will be the annual collection for the Holy Places.

LENTEN COLLECTION BOXES: These can be brought to Mass on Thursday night. All you donations will be passed to Friends of the Holy Land after Easter. If you can't bring them on Thursday, you can bring them anytime afterwards.

CHRISM MASS: Fr Simon will be attending the Chrism Mass on Wednesday at 11am in the Cathedral with his brother priests and the Bishop in order to renew his priestly promises. You are all welcome to come to that Mass. Please pray for all our priests and for vocations to the priesthood.

EASTER VIGIL: Rebecca Shaw will be received into Full Communion with us at the Easter Vigil. After being received, Rebecca will be confirmed in her Faith alongside Claire Tasker in the same service. Please pray for both of them during the next week.

MASS OF ANOINTING: This was a great success last week and grateful thanks are offered to the SVP who organised the event, the team in St Paul's Hall who did so much work on the day and the Minnie Vinnies from our parish school who led the music in church, welcomed people to Mass and mucked in with the serving of food afterwards. God bless you everyone for your hard work!

DON'T FORGET! The clocks go forward next weekend. Please remember to set your alarm clock.

AND FINALLY: Just a gentle reminder that next weekend your Easter offerings go to make up a substantial portion of your Pastor's annual income, so please help him to quell the consistent hysteria of his bank manager by being as generous as you can!

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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.tangney-tours.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.

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

Last week the Bishop issued the decree to amalgamate our 2 parishes. The decree will come into effect just as we celebrate Easter next weekend. For many of you, there will be an element of 'Good Friday' in this announcement, even if we happen to think that this is a good move for the future. When the 'old order' passes into history, how can we not feel a stab of grief? (I did when my home parish of St Mary's in Batley merged with those barbarians in St Patrick's in Birstall!!) We mustn't pretend that this movement doesn't matter; it does, and we should acknowledge the sadness of it. BUT, as many of you hear me say at funerals, our Faith makes us proclaim boldly that sadness, pain, suffering, regret etc. – whilst all very real – they do not have the last word. God always has the last word which is about love for life that is stronger than anything, even death!

I urge you to enter into the coming days as much as you can. This is our most sacred time of the year and much grace accompanies it. I have decided to hold the Sacred Triduum in one place because it is one continuous act that begins with the sign of the Cross on Holy Thursday night and concludes with the blessing at the end of the Easter Vigil. As a drama in 3 parts, it is more important than the place in which it is enacted. This year it's in Holy Spirit; next year it'll be in St Paul's. (Stations & Veneration will be offered on Good Friday evening in St Paul's for all those who have to work during the day on Good Friday and won't be able to attend the afternoon service).

As we move into a new chapter of our collected history, let's call on the great saints of previous generations who have worshipped God in our two parishes. Many of them left homes to come to a new land before they built both of our churches and many of them took great risks and made great sacrifices to strike out in the name of the proclamation of the Gospel. Now it's our turn; may we not put their memories to shame but may we strike out with Faith in the God Who makes all things new.