



**The Parish of  
Cleckheaton & Heckmondwike**

**Serving the Churches of  
Our Lady of Unfailing Help &  
St. Paul of the Cross, Cleckheaton &  
The Holy Spirit, Heckmondwike.**



	<b>The Church of Our Lady of Unfailing Help &amp; St. Paul of the Cross</b>	<b>The Church of The Holy Spirit</b>
<b>Saturday 01/12</b> <i>1st Sunday of Advent (C)</i>	6.00 pm Holy Rosary 6.30 pm People of the Parish	4.30 pm Catherine Camponi (B'day A)
<b>Sunday 02/12</b>	11.30 am Peter Lemon (B'day A)	9.30 am Annie Clough (A)
<b>Monday 03/12</b> <i>St. Francis Xavier</i>	<b>9.15 am</b> Sick Person (EMc)	No Mass
<b>Tuesday 04/12</b> <i>St. John Damascene</i>	No Mass	9.45 am Fr. John Abberton (LD) <i>(Mass in the Parish Room)</i>
<b>Wednesday 05/12</b>	<b>11.30 am</b> Holy Rosary <b>12 noon</b> Xavier Newman-Burke <i>(Followed by a Soup Lunch)</i>	No Mass
<b>Thursday 06/12</b> <i>St. Nicholas</i>	10.15 am Birthday Thanksgiving (D)	2.30 pm Philip Dipper (B'day A) <i>(Year 4—Mass in the Parish Room)</i>
<b>Friday 07/12</b> <i>St. Ambrose</i>	No Mass	9.45 am Margaret McLaughlin (B'day A) <i>(Mass in the Parish Room)</i>
<b>Saturday 08/12</b> <i>The Immaculate Conception of BVM</i>	<b>9.00 am</b> Dead List 2017 6.00 pm Holy Rosary 6.30 pm Hilda Hudson (LD)	4.30 pm George Mitchell (A)
<b>Sunday 09/12</b> <i>2nd Sunday of Advent (C)</i>	11.30 am Anne & James O'Brien	9.30 am People of the Parish

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on request & on Saturday (Cleckheaton) 11.30 am & Saturday (Heckmondwike) 4.00 pm. *N.B. Times may vary due to pastoral commitments.*

**We pray for those whom God has called back to Himself recently: Maureen McGill (Gomersal)**  
**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including:**

**The sick and those caring for them; we recall especially:** Steve Firth, Susan Smith, Agnes Clark, Margaret Crowther, Hilda Logush, Billy Forde, Carole Morris, Helen Oldroyd, David Oldroyd, Joan O'Connor, Katie Gallagher-Peel & Sr. Philomena Dunning

*Please give any names of those with anniversaries occurring to Fr. Nicholas for inclusion on the Newsletter & Prayers of the Faithful a couple of weeks before the actual anniversary date. Thank you !*

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**The First Sunday of Advent (C)**

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## Offer-

Envelopes	£371.17	£331.53
Loose Plate	£280.62	£231.54
Total	£651.79	£563.07

*Many thanks for your continued generosity & to those who contribute through the use of Standing Orders.*

**Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:** *For the Intentions of the Newman-Burke Family (St. Paul's) & In Thanksgiving (M Family) (Holy Spirit):* There is an opportunity in both churches for the weeks' Sanctuary Lamp to be lit for the intentions of Parishioners. (Sanctuary Lamps are available from the back of our churches; please write the intention on the candle; payment (£3) may be put into the Piety Box.)

**Cycle of Prayer:** Divine Office Psalter Week 1 (+Seasonal Proper)

**Mass Intentions Received:** John Fielding (LD),

**Holy Spirit Church.** (a) As announced at Masses last weekend the church has now been prepared for some internal work to be carried out. This involves the scraping-off of paintwork & plaster deemed to be a health risk to church users. The outcome of this will result in church looking less attractive internally as replacement work cannot be carried out at this juncture in time. During this coming week Church is completely OUT of BOUNDS to all parishioners. Weekday Masses will be celebrated in the Parish Room (access via the carpark-steps entrance). (b) Alongside the current work, a Damp Survey of the church has also begun. It is envisaged that this will be on-going over the coming months / years.

**Second Collection.** (a) A second collection will be taken THIS weekend for the benefit of the Diocesan Mission in Peru. (b) Many thanks to all who gave so generously to last weekend's collection for the Diocesan Youth Service which raised £468.75 (Holy Spirit £265.49 & St. Paul's £203.26)

**Christmas Help !** (a) Lists seeking Ministers of Word & Eucharist for the Christmas Masses are seeking signatures, (b) we are also looking for a cast of younger parishioners to help with the two Nativity tableaux during the Vigil Masses.

**Soup Lunch.** The next Soup Lunch will be held at St. Paul's THIS Wednesday 5th December. A list seeking the providers of Soup, bread, cakes etc. is to be found at the back of church awaiting signatures.

**Christmas Concert at Holy Spirit.** Tickets for a Christmas Concert by Gillich to be held NEXT Saturday 8th December at 8.00 pm are on sale (£5) before / after Masses. (If you wish to book tickets please contact Janice on 01274 879761)

**APF (Red) Mission Boxes.** Please bring these to EITHER of our churches for emptying 1st / 2nd & 8th / 9th December.

**Dead List Envelopes.** The Dead List will close THIS weekend; please write your family names (just TWO please i.e. Smith & Jones) on the envelopes provided & hand to Fr. Nicholas. The stipulated contribution for these Masses is £10.

**Holy Spirit Parish Room Fund.** (a) Thanks to parishioner's generosity £7358 has been raised for the Parish Room Fund. (b) **Top Ten Christmas Carols Afternoon.** On Saturday 29th December there will be an opportunity to sing your favourite Carols in Holy Spirit Church. In order for this to take place parishioners, their families & friends are being invited to donate £1 & complete a slip highlighting their favourite Three Carols. These slips are now available !

**St. Paul's Christmas Coffee Evening / Morning.** Very many thanks to all who contributed & supported these events which were held last weekend & raised £475.00. Especial thanks to Anne Howgate & her Team for all their hard work. (Raffle Winners: Tickets No. 96, 91 & 86—Prizes may be collected from the Sacristy after Mass).

**New Rotas (St. Paul's).** New Rotas for Ministers of Word, Eucharist & those who wash the Altar Linen are available.

**Christmas Raffle 2018.** The Raffle was drawn during the Christmas Fayre: Prizes may be collected after Masses.

**Holy Spirit Christmas Fayre.** Thank you to all who helped prepare for this social event. More details next week !

**Car Share.** It has been suggested that some parishioners may appreciate knowing that they could have a lift to Mass from another church-goer who lives in their area. If you would be prepared to offer a lift to another parishioner & have your details held on file for contacting as / when necessary please contact Lee Townsend on 07801 978694. Thank you !

**Sewing Bees.** The Sewing Bees will meet again on Wednesday 12th December after Mass in St. Paul's Hall.

**Safeguarding.** Parents are reminded that no child under 12 years of age should be going to the toilets in our church unaccompanied. This is for your child's safety & well-being; both of our toilets are located near to exit doors & car parks.

**Operation Christmas Child (Shoebox Appeal).** Very many thanks to all who supported this initiative. An amazing 144 filled Shoeboxes were donated from our churches & school; bringing Christmas joy to those far away with so little.

**Extra News.** See our webpages link entitled "Diocesan Events" including St. Mary's (Batley) Pantomime details.

**Music Practice.** Musicians & singers are invited to practices held at St. Paul's on Tuesdays at 7.00 pm.

**St. Paul's 100 Club.** The winner of the Seventh Draw for £25 is (No. 97) Susan Smith — congratulations !

**St. Paul's Church Cleaners.** This week it is the turn of Team A to clean St. Paul's on Wednesday morning.

**Holy Spirit 150 Club.** The winner of the weekly £25 prize last Sunday was (No. 61) Steve Oliver—congratulations !

**World War II Pilgrimage.** From Monday 26th—Friday 30th August 2019, costing £565 per person (a single supplement will also be payable for those in single rooms) & travel will be by coach & ferry. Please sign the list in our church porches.

**Diary Dates !** Please note the following date in your Diary so that you do not miss the following Parish Event:

Wednesday 19th December (St. Paul's Church) Silver Jubilee Celebration for Fr. Nicholas.