



**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 15/12</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Advent (C)</i>	6.00 pm Holy Rosary 6.30 pm People of the Parish	4.30 pm Beevers & Morton Families
<b>Sunday 16/12</b>	11.30 am Jean Walker	9.30 am Ursula Hardy
<b>Monday 17/12</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> Fr. Barrie Senior (LD)	No Mass
<b>Tuesday 18/12</b>	No Mass	9.45 am Msgr. Philip Holroyd (LD)
<b>Wednesday 19/12</b>	7.00 pm Thanksgiving for Twenty-Five years of Priestly Ministry <i>(Followed by a Reception in the Cleckheaton Methodist Church Hall)</i>	No Mass
<b>Thursday 20/12</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> B'day Thanksgiving (MF)	No Mass
<b>Friday 21/12</b>	No Mass	<b>9.15 am</b> Terry Brahan (B'day A) <i>(Whole School Mass in Church)</i>
<b>Saturday 22/12</b>	12 noon Dead List 2018 6.00 pm Holy Rosary 6.30 pm John Fielding (LD)	4.30 pm People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 23/12</b> <i>4th Sunday of Advent (C)</i>	11.30 am John Robertson (A)	9.30 am Muriel Ellis (A)

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:** Mary Thornton (Heckmondwike)  
**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including:** Victor Smith

**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 &*

**Parish Priest: The Very Revd. Fr. Nicholas Hird BD MA VF Tel: 01274 - 872984**

The Presbytery, 57, Dewsbury Road, Cleckheaton BD19 5BT

E-mail: [stpaulscleckheaton@btinternet.com](mailto:stpaulscleckheaton@btinternet.com)

## Offer-

Envelopes	£392.10	£273.00
Loose Plate	£264.80	£183.70
Total	£656.90	£456.70

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

**Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:** *For the Intentions of the Black & Byrne Families Living & Dec'd (St. Paul's) & For a Special Intention (CP) (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 3 (+Seasonal Proper)

**Mass Intentions Received:** Pauline Cooke (LD),

**Silver Jubilee Celebration.** Fr. Nicholas will celebrate his Silver Jubilee of Ordination THIS Wednesday 19th December with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Paul's Cleckheaton beginning at 7.00 pm & followed by refreshments in the Cleckheaton Methodist Church Hall (next to the Post Office) afterwards. ALL parishioners are welcome to come along ! (a) Altar Servers are asked to be in the Parish Hall by 6.45 pm (at the latest) & (b) Contributions for the reception may be taken to the Methodist Church Hall any time from 4.30 pm on Wednesday afternoon. (c) It would be helpful if fit & able parishioners could park in the town's car free parks, allowing parking for guests in the church carpark.

**Holy Spirit Church.** Work on the interior of the church has been completed for the time being. This has involved the scraping-off of paintwork & plaster, deemed to be a health risk to church users, together with a Damp Survey of the church which is something that will be on-going over the coming months / years.

**Poinsettia Plants.** Donations of Poinsettia Plants would be welcomed by BOTH churches for decoration at Christmas. Plants may be brought to either church no earlier than NEXT weekend 22nd / 23rd December. Thanks !

**Diocesan Directories 2019.** New directories are on sale (£4) in both churches. Please put payment in Piety Stall boxes.

**Christmas Raffle 2018.** Lists of Raffle prize winners are now available & prizes can be collected after Mass. The Raffle raised £1658 (which is £829 for each church).

**Feed Bellies not Bins.** This will be held on Tuesday 18th December after Mass & at 3.30 pm (Holy Spirit Parish Room).

**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.

**St. John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy Carol Service.** The School's annual Carol Service will be held at St. Paul's Church THIS Monday 17th December at 7.30 pm. The school offer an invitation to all who wish to attend.

**Gillich Christmas Concert.** Very many thanks to all who supported the excellent concert given by Gillich & Friends last Saturday evening at Holy Spirit which raised £273 for the Parish Room Fund. Thanks too Chris & Neil's catering service.

**New Year's Eve Party.** Parishioners are invited to a New Years' Eve party in the Parish Rom at Holy Spirit (from 8.00 pm): Please bring your own drinks & food for a shared supper. Please contact Susan Moreland (01924—501774)

**Dead List 2018.** During the coming year 55 Masses will be celebrated for those whose names appear on our Dead List. Thank you to those who have remembered all their family members, friends & loved ones in this way.

**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 !

**Welcome into God's Family,** the Church, Indi Ann & Nevaeh Jane Murphy and Olivia Millie Cravo who received the Sacrament of Baptism respectively at Holy Spirit Church last Saturday & St. Paul's Church on Sunday.

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

**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 !

**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.

**Extra News.** See our webpages link entitled "Diocesan Events".

**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 Ninth Draw for £25 is (No. 2) Andrea Stead — congratulations !

**St. Paul's Church Cleaners.** Cleaning of the church will take place on Tuesday of THIS week beginning at 9.30 am.

**Christmas Cards.** Receptacles for Christmas Cards are available at the back of both churches. Please ensure that the recipients SURNAME is on the envelope & you put it in SURNAME alphabetical order. Please check for your cards !

**Holy Spirit 150 Club.** The winner of the weekly £25 prize draw was (No. 143) Sheila Beaumont—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 by coach & ferry. Please sign the list in our church porches.