



**The Parish of
Cleckheaton & Heckmondwike**

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



	The Church of Our Lady of Unfailing Help & St. Paul of the Cross	The Church of The Holy Spirit
Saturday 22/12 <i>4th Sunday of Advent (C)</i>	6.00 pm Holy Rosary 6.30 pm John Fielding (LD)	4.30 pm People of the Parish
Sunday 23/12	11.30 am John Robertson (A)	9.30 am Muriel Ellis (A)
Monday 24/12	Christmas Eve Masses 6.30 pm Rachel Kazzan (Family Mass) 11.30 pm Carols prior to Mass 12.00 Midnight Jean Walker	9.30 am Vera Tidmarsh (A) Christmas Eve Masses 4.30 pm Maureen Delaney (LD) (Family Mass)
Tuesday 25/12 <i>Christmas Day</i>	11.30 am Dorothy Hird	9.30 am Victoria (Vicky) Roberts
Wednesday 26/12 <i>St. Stephen</i>	10.00 am Carmel Naughton (A) & Martin Beirne	No Mass
Thursday 27/12 <i>St. John</i>	10.00 am Nicola Lister (A)	No Mass
Friday 28/12 <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	No Mass	9.45 am Paul Kelly
Saturday 29/12 <i>St. Thomas Becket</i>	12 noon Dead List 2018 6.00 pm Holy Rosary 6.30 pm Michael Ormondroyd	4.30 pm Ann Thompson
Sunday 30/12 <i>Feast of the Holy Family (C)</i>	11.30 am People of the Parish	9.30 am Lindsay Firth

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:

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: Vera Tidmarsh, Carmel Naughton, Rita Morrison, Nicola Lister & Fr. Frank Carroll

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 &

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Offer-

Envelopes	£331.90	£374.30
Loose Plate	£249.77	£175.11
Total	£581.67	£549.41

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

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions: *In Memory of Eileen & Brian Riley (St. Paul's) & In Memory of Harry & Greta Stanley (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 4 (+Seasonal Proper)

Mass Intentions Received: Lynn Stapleton (LD), Mavis & Bill Henry, Dennis, Mark & Michael Ormondroyd, Jean & Sean Thornton, Peter Hartley (A), Mark Pettifer (A), Nicola Lister (A), Felix Taylor (A), Carmel Naughton (A) & Martin Beirne,

Silver Jubilee Thanks. Fr. Nicholas would like to thank all those who made his Silver Jubilee celebration at St. Paul's such a very memorable & special occasion. Such a lot of people contributed to this event in a variety of different ways—visibly, heard or unseen—many & sincerest thanks to one & all. Our visitors from near & far were appreciative of the welcome given, hospitality shared & the beauty of the Liturgy. These comments are a credit to everyone. Thank you too for the numerous cards received & the presentation of a High-Vis Vest & most generous cheque in the sum of £1730.

Top Ten Christmas Carols Afternoon. On Saturday 29th December beginning at 2.00 pm there will be an opportunity to sing your favourite Carols in Holy Spirit Church. Seasonal refreshments will be available in the Parish Room at the end of this social event, between 3.00 – 4.00 pm. Please come along (with family) if you are able for this festive sing-a-long!

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)

Children in Non-Catholic Schools. If you have a child who attends a Non-Catholic school & who will be eligible to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation (i.e. are currently in Year 3 or equivalent) during the current academic year (2018/2019) please contact Fr. Nicholas by Sunday 6th January 2019. Thank you!

Soup Lunch. The next Soup Lunch will take place on Wednesday 9th January (**N.B.** the 2nd Wednesday not the 1st Wednesday!) at St. Paul's after a noon Mass. A list seeking providers of soup, bread & cakes will be available soon.

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

Christmas Raffle 2018. There are a number of unclaimed Raffle Prizes from the Christmas Draw. Please check your tickets against the lists displayed in the church external church noticeboards. Prizes may be collected after Mass.

Holy Spirit Parish Room. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners £10,260 has been raised for this future project.

Christmas Help! (a) Please check the lists seeking the signatures of Ministers of Word & Eucharist for the Christmas Masses if you are able to offer a Ministry over the Christmas period. (b) Could our younger parishioners helping with the two Nativity tableaux during the Vigil Masses please be in church no less than 20 minutes before each Mass begins.

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

Furniture. Some items of good quality (used) furniture including a chair, two-seater sofa, dining table & chairs, & a display cabinet have been offered FREE to a good home! Images of these are on display in our porches. If interested please contact Fr. Nicholas in the first instance, & he will put you in touch with the donor.

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. The regular practices for musicians & singers will be taking a break over the Christmas / New Year period resuming in January at St. Paul's on Tuesdays at 7.00 pm. Thank you for their contribution to our Liturgies!

St. Paul's 100 Club. The winner of the Tenth Draw for £200 is (No.16) James Ford — many congratulations!

Church Cleaners. Thank you to all who take the time & trouble to clean our church & halls on a regular basis.

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. 41) Clare Naughton—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.

Tea & Coffee. Refreshments are served in our Halls after both of our Sunday morning Masses.