



**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 29/12 <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>	6.00 pm Holy Rosary 6.30 pm Michael Ormondroyd	4.30 pm Ann Thompson
Sunday 30/12	11.30 am People of the Parish	9.30 am Lindsay Firth
Monday 31/12	10.00 am Christmas Remembrance (Douglas)	No Mass
Tuesday 01/01 <i>Mary The Mother of God</i>	No Mass	10.00 am Vivienne Summerscales (A)
Wednesday 02/01 <i>Ss. Basil & Gregory</i>	9.45 am Holy Rosary 10.15 am Margaret Spooner (LD)	No Mass
Thursday 03/01 <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	10.15 am Peter Hartley (A)	No Mass
Friday 04/01	No Mass	9.45 am Ralph Winnard (A)
Saturday 05/01	12 noon Dead List 2018 6.00 pm Holy Rosary 6.30 pm People of the Parish	4.30 pm Michael Naughton (LD)
Sunday 06/01 <i>Feast of the Epiphany (C)</i>	11.30 am Mavis & Bill Henry	9.30 am Pamela Davis (LD)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on request & on Saturday (Cleckheaton) 11.30 am

We pray for those whom God has called back to Himself recently: Patrick Daly (Heckmondwike)
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: Ralph Winnard, Peter Hartley, John Collins, Jack Maston, Vivienne Summerscales, & Msgr. Robert MacGregor

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, Renata Bieganowski & 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 Feast of the Holy Family (C)

Parish Mass Book Page: 105ff.

Offer-

Envelopes	£364.61	£226.75
Loose Plate	£447.40	£287.95
Total	£812.01	£514.70

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

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions: *No Intention (St. Paul's) & In Memory of Mona & Leonard Collinson (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 2 (+Seasonal Proper)

Mass Intentions Received: Vivienne Summerscales (A), Terry Caine (B'day A), Teresa McCabe (LD), Martha & Ben Ashton,

Words of Gratitude. Fr. Nicholas would like to thank very sincerely all those parishioners who worked so hard to make Christmas special, not least those who helped to decorate & clean the churches (flower-arrangers / tree decorators / crib arrangers), provided music & song, the Ministers of Word, Eucharist & Altar, those who ensured the collections were taken & the bearers of the Offertory Gifts, the children's catechists & youngsters who took part in the tableaux during the Vigil Masses, & all who have taken the time & made the effort to share their talents & gifts with the wider congregation.

Thank you one & all. **Personally.** May I take this opportunity of thanking everyone who so kindly sent greetings cards, offered gifts & contributed so generously to the Christmas Offerings which form a part of my income from our churches.

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.

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 NEXT 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 is now available to sign.

From the Registers 2018. Baptisms: Holy Spirit 19 (35) & St. Paul's 20 (23); Marriages: Holy Spirit 0 (3) & St. Paul's 2 (1); Funerals Holy Spirit 17 (16) & St. Paul's 11 (11). The figures in brackets () are those for 2017.

Annual Review of the Diocese 2018. Copies of this are available Free from the back of both of our churches.

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. (a) Thanks to the generosity of parishioners £10,260 has been raised for this future project.

(b) Many thanks to all who purchased Raffle Tickets for the Hamper Draw at Holy Spirit Church in aid of the Parish Room Refurbishment. Winners: 85 (Margaret Russell), 110, & 38. This raised £150.00.

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.

Car Share. If you would be prepared to offer a lift to another parishioner (on an as & when arrangement) & 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 Church Cleaners. This week it is the turn of Team A to clean St. Paul's Church after Mass on Wednesday.

Christmas Cards. Please check the receptacles for Christmas Cards which are to be found at the back of both of our churches. Cards will be disposed of if not collected by either the recipient or sender !

Holy Spirit 150 Club. The winner of the weekly £25 prize draw was (No. 67) Patrick Clark—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.