



**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 08/12 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent (C)</i>	6.00 pm Holy Rosary 6.30 pm Hilda Hudson (LD)	4.30 pm George Mitchell (A)
Sunday 09/12	11.30 am Anne & James O'Brien	9.30 am People of the Parish
Monday 10/12	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday 11/12	No Mass	9.45 am Ann Walsh (A)
Wednesday 12/12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	9.45 am Holy Rosary 10.15 am Michael Steven (LD)	No Mass
Thursday 13/12 <i>St. Lucy</i>	10.15 am Colin Cousens (LD)	2.30 pm James (A) & Bridget Kelly <i>(Reception & Years 1 & 2 Mass in Church)</i>
Friday 14/12 <i>St. John of the Cross</i>	10.00 am <i>Funeral Service for the repose of the soul of Maureen McGill</i>	8.45 am George Kay (A)
Saturday 15/12	12 noon Dead List 2018 6.00 pm Holy Rosary 6.30 pm People of the Parish	4.30 pm Beevers & Morton Families
Sunday 16/12 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent (C)</i>	11.30 am Jean Walker	9.30 am Ursula Hardy

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) & Mary Thornton (Heckmondwike)

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: Ann Walsh, George Kay, James Kelly, George Mitchell & Fr. Thomas Parkin

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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The Second Sunday of Advent (C)

Parish Mass Book Page: 85ff.

Offer-

Envelopes	£328.50	£357.50
Loose Plate	£312.94	£195.17
Total	£641.44	£552.67

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) & For a Special Intention (AC) (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: Pamela Davis (LD),

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.

Second Collection. A sincere word of thanks to all who gave so generously to last weekend's second collection taken for the benefit of the Diocesan Mission in Peru which raised £451.85 (Holy Spirit £217.57 & St. Paul's £234.39)

Holy Spirit Christmas Fayre. Thank you to all who helped make this social event such a huge success once more this year. It was great to see so many people in attendance. The day raised an amazing £2009.00

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 initiative will be held on Tuesdays 11th/18th December after morning Mass & again from 3.30 pm in the Parish Room at Holy Spirit. All are welcome to come along !

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. Very many thanks to all who supported & assisted with the Soup Lunch held at St. Paul's on Wednesday. This raised £215.00 for the Roof Fund.

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

Silver Jubilee Celebration. Fr. Nicholas will celebrate his Silver Jubilee of Ordination on 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 !

APF (Red) Mission Boxes. Please bring these to EITHER of our churches for emptying THIS weekend.

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, Emily Mary Lawrence who received the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Paul's Church last Sunday & Eleanor Rose Gallagher-Peel, who received the Sacrament of Baptism in the family home with Episcopal Permission granted under Canons 863 & 857(1).

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 !

Sewing Bees. The Sewing Bees will meet again THIS 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.

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 Eighth Draw for £25 is (No. 49) Patrick Hird — congratulations !

Church Cleaners. Thank you to all who clean our Churches & Halls on a regular basis making them look so cared for.

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.

Holy Spirit 150 Club. The winner of the biannual £100 prize draw was (No. 74) Margaret Heward—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.