



**Do join us for refreshments
after Mass today**

St Paul, King Cross, Halifax

Sunday 17 May 2026

This week:

Wednesday 20th - Craft Group meets
10am-12pm - *all welcome!*

Thursday 21st - 10.30am Said Mass
followed by refreshments

Saturday 23rd - 11am A Planning meeting for our
Summer Fayre – *anyone interested in helping,
please do come along.*

Next Sunday – 24th – Pentecost
11am Parish Mass

*To help you prepare for our worship why not look up the
readings we will use: Acts 2:1-11;
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20: 19-23*

Wednesday 27th May, 6pm at St Anne's
Confirmation Service with Bishop Stephen

Sat. 30th May at 7pm ~ Colne Valley Male Voice
Choir in concert ~ *tickets available today!*

Sat. 13th June at 7pm ~ Overgate Hospice Choir
in Concert ~ *tickets available*

Sat. 4th July, 10.30am-1.30pm
~ **St Paul's Summer Fayre** ~

Sat. 18th July at 7pm ~ Carlton Community Choir

At our well-attended **Annual Parochial Church
Meeting** last Sunday, Anita and Joan were duly
elected to serve as Churchwardens.

We are most grateful to Shaughn for all his support
during his time in Office, and has now completed the
usual 6 year term.

*Please remember your Parish representatives in
your prayers, as they take on the responsibilities of
making sure your Parish and Church run smoothly.*

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Welcome to the Parish Mass on Ascension Sunday

A special welcome if you are visiting.
If you require Gluten free altar bread - please have a
word with one of the Welcomers at the door.

Hymns: 130; 131; 352; 305; 128

It is good to have Fr David Burrows
as our Celebrant & Preacher today.

Readers: Victoria Bevan & Steven Mudd
Intercessions: Shaughn Bevan

*There's a contactless payment facility at the back of
Church if you are without cash for your offering.
If you pay tax please make use of the Gift Aid envelopes
– it helps us a great deal - Thank you!*

During the week please pray for:

Our neighbours in Rockville Terrace, Rose Bank
and our sister parish of Southowram

Among our congregation:

Anne Knell, Kathleen Lee, Lisa & Michael Kenyon

Monday – give thanks for the Resurrection

Tues. – for peace in the troubled areas of the world

Wed. – all to be Baptised & Confirmed in the Parish

Thursday – our GPs & local health centres

Fri. – Local food banks: staff & all who need them

Saturday – our Welcomers & Sidespeople

Those who are sick or in need:

Laraine Cowgill, Sue Sanders, Jeremy Whitaker,
Julian Haw, Teddy Hicks, Jerome, Jacinta Hunter,
Barbara Martin, Katie O'Halloran, Beryl Wilson,
Kathryn Osborne, Audrey Martin, Barbara Wood,
Archdeacon Bill Bravinor,

Those in long term sickness:

Paul Wright, Richard Dixon, Brenda Stones

Recently departed:

Adrian Greenwood, Gerald Jackson

Anniversaries:

Ronald Littlefield, Richard Davidson, David Dickson
(17) Wilfred Birkhead, Lily barker (19) Emma Kriske,
Wilfred Coop, Charles Meed (20) Henry Hodkinson,
Louisa Dixon (21) Maureen High, May Jackson (22)
Joan Gudor, Raymond Townsend (23)

ASCENSION SUNDAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven,
will return as you saw him go, Alleluia.

OPENING PRAYER

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe
your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to
have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and
mind may also ascend and with him continually
dwell; who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that
Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he
was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions
through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had
chosen. After his suffering he presented himself
alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing
to them during forty days and speaking about the
kingdom of God. While staying with them, he
ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait
there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said,
"is what you have heard from me; for John baptized
with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy
Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him,
"Lord, is this the time when you will restore the
kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to
know the times or periods that the Father has set by
his own authority. But you will receive power when
the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be
my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and
Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he
had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted
up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he
was going and they were gazing up toward heaven,
suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.
They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand
looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has
been taken up from you into heaven, will come in
the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 47)

All peoples, clap your hands, cry out to God with
shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must
fear, great king over all the earth. **R:**

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up
with trumpet blast. Sing praises for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R:**

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all
your skill. God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R:**

SECOND READING

(Eph 1:17-23)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of
glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as
you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your
heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the
hope to which he has called you, what are the riches
of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and
what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for
us who believe, according to the working of his great
power. God put this power to work in Christ when he
raised him from the dead and seated him at his right
hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and
authority and power and dominion and above every
name that is named, not only in this age but also in
the age to come. And he has put all things under his
feet and has made him the head over all things for
the church, which is his body, the fullness of him
who fills all in all.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all the nations;
I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

(Luke 24:46-53)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus opened the disciples minds to understand the
scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written,
that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the
dead on the third day and that repentance and
forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name
to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are
witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending
upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in
the city until you have been clothed with power from
on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting
up his hands, he blessed them. While he was
blessing them, he withdrew from them and was
carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him
and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they
were continually in the temple blessing God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ

