



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

During the week:

Wednesday 20th Nov. - 10am-12.00
St Paul's Craft Group meets in the Parish Room

Thursday 21st - 10.30am Said Mass
Will be held in the Parish Room to allow for work on the roof to continue uninterrupted. Refreshments afterwards!

The Candle by the Blessed Virgin Mary burns this week in loving memory of Malcolm Robertshaw, and the Candle before the Blessed Sacrament burns in loving memory of Samuel Smith

Sat. 23rd 10.30am-2pm **Christmas Fayre-**
As usual, we need lots of support to make this major fund raising event a success – so we need items for the various stalls: good clean books, bottles, chocolates & tombola prizes, cakes, preserves. Jam jars with items for the lucky dip – these can be for children and adults – Help setting up on the Friday, and help on the day... Have a word with Anita!

**Every Saturday during November -
Church Cleaning from 9.30am-11am**

After 112 years on the roof, removing the large and heavy stone slates is causing a lot of soot and dirt to fall into the Church. Despite protecting the furniture with sheets, we still need to give everything a really good clean so we can sit on clean pews on Sunday. Please come and help to clean your church while this important work is going on. *More hands make for easier and quicker cleaning, as they say.....*

Next Sunday – 24th - Feast of Christ the King
11.00am Parish Mass

*To help you prepare for our worship why not look up the readings we will use: Daniel 7:13-14;
Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33-37*

Sunday 1 December 5pm - **Advent Carols**

A Service of Music & Readings for the beginning of the Season of Advent

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St Paul, King Cross, Halifax

Sunday 17 November 2024

Welcome to the Parish Mass on the Second Sunday before Advent

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: 271; 339; 56; 304; 333

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Richard Lindsay

Readers: Steven Disher & Graham King
Intercessions: Graham Foster

*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:

The people of Devon Street & Southowram

Among our congregation:

Gerald Jackson, Graham & Susan King, Anne Knell

Monday – Peace in the troubled areas of the world

Tuesday – local businesses

Wednesday – the General Synod of the C/E

Thurs. – all working on our Church roof

Friday – those waiting for hospital tests or treatment

Saturday – our sidespeople and welcomers

Those who are sick or in need:

Adam Rose, Louise Stewart, Paul Ainsworth, Clifford Brown, Stuart Wade, Julian Haw, Michael Benn, Katie O'Halloran, Paul Fawcett, David Hudson, Laraine Cowgill, Bronwyn Crowther, Harrison Stones, Christine Palethorpe, Tim Forward, Denise Keenan, Judy Wright, Jennifer Fairhurst, Theo Mayfield, Susan Wainwright, Lynn Hudson, Agnes Arak, Michael Kenyon.

Those in long term sickness:

Adrian Western, Carl Jones, Petrina Turner

Recently departed: Martin Hirst

Anniversaries: William Addy, Bernard Ward, Renee Judson, Samuel Smith (17) Harold Crabtree, William Hayes (19) Alan Sutcliffe (21) Alice Munday (22) Dorothy Pickles, John Capener, Isobel Brearley (23)

2nd Sunday before Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord says: my plans for you are peace and not disaster; when you call to me, I will listen to you, and I will bring you back to the place from which I exiled you.

THE COLLECT

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING (Daniel 12:1-3)

A reading from the Book Daniel

In the third year of King Cyrus a word was revealed to Daniel.

“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 16)

R: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;

it is you yourself who are my prize.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:

since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R:**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;

even my body shall rest safely.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **R:**

O Lord, you will show me

the path of life,

the fullness of joy in your presence,

at your right hand happiness for ever. **R:**

SECOND READING (Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices, which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL (Mark 13: 24-32)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: “In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

“Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.”

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON and THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed.

(1 Peter 1:13)

