



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

St Paul, King Cross, Halifax

Sunday 2 August 2026

Today there will be a retiring collection to support the Christian Aid Appeals:

To help the people of Venezuela following the earthquake. The impact has been calculated as more than 3.5 million people needing humanitarian food assistance. More than 4,500 people killed. More than 16,700 people have been injured

The Ebola outbreak spreading across the Democratic Republic of Congo is one of the most complex humanitarian emergencies in the world. Decades of armed conflict have fractured health systems across the DRC. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared a public health emergency of international concern.

There's no vaccine or specific treatment for the Bundibugyo strain of Ebola, which has a fatality rate of up to 50%. Prevention is how we stop it. Around 27 million people are in urgent need of food. Poor living conditions just increase the risk of rapid transmission. Around 65% of the population do not have access to clean water or adequate sanitation...

*Many thanks to all who have generously contributed
Collection plate for this is at the back of Church*

This week:

Thursday 6th - Transfiguration of the Lord
10.30am, Said Mass - *followed by refreshments*

Next Sunday, 9th August - 11am Parish Mass
19th Sunday of the Year / Trinity 10

*To help you prepare for our worship why not look up the
readings we will use: 1 Kings 19:9-18
Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33*

Sunday 30th August – We are going to hold a Parish Lunch after the 11am Parish Mass...
You'll need to sign up and there will be a choice of BBQ food etc. *Details to follow soon*

It is good to welcome Fr David as our Celebrant & Preacher today, as he covers for Fr Nigel who has had his second carpal tunnel operation this week, and is following medical advice & resting to allow things to heal!

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Welcome to the Parish Mass on the Trinity 9 / 18th Sun. in Ordinary Time

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: 439; 64; 435; 416; 368

Readers: Harry Atkinson & Mark Chatburn
Intercessions: Tom Oakes
Organist: Graham Gribben

*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:

Neighbours in Thomas Street South, Thomas Street West and our sister parish of Southowram

Among our congregation:

Christian, Jolene and Isla, Steven Disher & Anthony

Monday – For those on holiday at home or away
Tues – Peace in the troubled areas of the world
Wed – the people of Venezuela after the earthquake
Thurs – Local Farmers & Businesses
Friday – for local Food Banks & all who need them
Saturday - Our Servers

Those who are sick or in need:

Sue Sanders, Julian Haw, Teddy Hicks, Jerome, Jacinta Hunter, Barbara Martin, Katie O'Halloran, Beryl Wilson, Kathryn Osborne, Barbara Wood, Laraine Cowgill, Edward Walch, James MacDonald, David Barker, Christopher Fawcett

Those in long term sickness:

David Porter, Andrian Western, Carol Jones

Recently departed:

Anniversaries:

Adeline Littlefield (2) Frank Brunt (3)
Elizabeth Addy, Pauline Ward (4) Joseph Owen,
Alice Cragg, Joseph Horner (6) Joan Struk (7)

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are the one who helps me and sets me free:
Lord, do not be long in coming.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; though Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING (Isaiah 55:1-5)

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this:

Lo, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 145)

**R: You open wide your hand, O Lord,
you grant our desires**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R:**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **R:**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
he is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **R:**

SECOND READING (Romans 8:1-5)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I am speaking the truth in Christ - I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit - I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL (Matthew 14: 13-21)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON and THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: I am the bread of life, says the Lord: whoever comes to me will not hunger and whoever believes in me will not thirst.

(John 6:35)

