St Paul, King Cross, Halifax

Sunday 25 October 2026

Welcome to our Church

Do join us for refreshments after Mass today

TODAY AT 5.00pm:

Dedication Festival Choral Evensong

This week:

Wednesday 28th - 10.00am-12pm
St Paul's Craft Group ~ *everyone is most welcome whether to craft or just have a coffee & chat.*

Thursday 29th SS Simon & Jude (transferred) - 10.30am Said Mass

Saturday 31st October, 2.30pm
The Clifton & Lightcliffe Band in Concert
This is the Band's first visit to St Paul's so, please come along to support them and it's also one of our last fund raising concerts of the year.

Next Sunday, 1 November
All Saints Sunday 11.00am Parish Mass
To help you prepare for our worship why not look up the readings we will use: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
1 John 3:1-3 ; Matthew 5:1-12

All Soul's Day - Monday 2nd Nov.
12.00 midday - Requiem Mass
(10.30am Requiem Mass at St Anne's)
Lists for names of those you would like remembered at the service you intend to support are now available at the back of Church.

~ Offertory Tokens ~

For those of our congregation who kindly give their Offertory collection via Standing Order, we now have cards that can be placed on the collection plate, as a symbol of their regular giving to the work of our church. This is common practice in many churches, and makes it more comfortable for many, rather than simply passing the plate on at the Offertory.

Cards are available at the back of church.

Saturday 28th Nov. - our **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…. Help setting up on the Friday, and help on the day… Have a word with Anita & Joan!

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Welcome to the Parish Mass today as we celebrate our Dedication Festival on the 30th Sunday 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: 205; 206; 484; 208; 486

Readers: Victoria Bevan & Martin Wainwright
Intercessions: Fr David Burrows

A contactless payment facility is available 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 Willowfield Terrace, Wilson Road & our sister parish of Southowram

Among our congregation:
Fr David & Sue Burrows, Wendy Banks, David Barker

Monday – Peace in the troubled areas of the world
Tues. Give thanks for our Church community here.
Wednesday – all who find it difficult to believe.
Thurs. **–** for all working in the emergency services
Friday – Housebound members of our congregation
Saturday – our Organists & Choir

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, David Barker, Michael Fawcett, Eunice Scott, Maureen Brown, Jean Jordan, Diane Le Gros Clark.

Those in long term sickness:
Richard Dixon, Brenda Stones, Lesley Woodall

Recently departed

Anniversaries:
Selina Price (25), Doris Parker, John Pugh, Joe Walker (26) Winnie Harper, Joyce Sheard (27) Percy Tidswell, Herbert Chamberlain, Nellie Fawcett (29) Jane Ryan, Ronald Sykes, Doreen Hale (30) John Kennedy (31)

DEDICATION FESTIVAL

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God and this is the gate of heaven *(Genesis 28:1)*

THE COLLECT
Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here: and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you, through 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 (Revelation 21:9-14)
A reading from the Revelation of St John the Divine
Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names that are the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites: on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God***

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps.46)

R: The waters of a river give joy,
give joy to God's city.

God is for us a refuge and strength, a helper close at hand, in time of distress: so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. ***R:***

The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within, it cannot be shaken; God will help it at the dawning of the day. ***R:***

The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Come, consider the works of the Lord the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. ***R:***

SECOND READING (1 Cor. 3:9-11, 16-17)
A reading from the first Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
We are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.
Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.
This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, for my name to be there for ever.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL (John 2:13-22)
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.
The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market place!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.
This is the Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

COMMUNION ANTIPHON and THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. *(1 Peter 2:5)*