



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

St Paul, King Cross, Halifax

Sunday 16 February 2025

During the week

Wednesday 19th Feb. The Craft Group meets in the Parish Room 10am-12pm everyone welcome!

1.30pm Requiem for Jennifer Fairhurst

Thursday 20th Feb. – 10.30am Said Mass
followed by refreshments

Next Sunday – 23 Feb. 2025

7th Sun. in Ordinary Time & 2nd before Lent
11.00am Parish Mass

To help you prepare for our worship why not look up
the readings we will use: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9;
1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

Don't forget to sponsor the **Blessed Sacrament Light** or the **Candle by Our Lady** – Just sign up on the sheets on the Notice Board & include any prayer intention you may like to share.

For your Diaries –

Ash Wednesday 5th March

12.30pm Said Mass with Imposition of Ashes
6pm Said Mass with Imposition of Ashes
(St Anne's has a 10.30am Mass with Imp. of Ashes)

Parish Mass & Service of Thanksgiving
for the completion of the re-roofing project
at St Paul's – **Sunday 23rd March**, 11am
with the Bishop of Beverley

Christian Stewardship:

To inform your giving.... our annual budgeted expenditure to keep our Church open and to support parish ministry here for 2025, will cost £57,573. This does not include any money for repairs or renewals. This month we have paid £75 to have the fire extinguishers serviced and £600 to have the gas heaters and cooker checked and serviced. Any extra donations to help with these two essential items will be most welcome.

Our next projects to help keep our Church open long-term, are: to install an accessible toilet and improved entrance for wheelchair users, installing a new heating system and improving the kitchen facilities. *Thank you for your support.*

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Welcome to our Parish Mass on 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time and the 3rd Sunday before Lent

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: 333; 341; 467; 277; 342

Reader: Steven Mudd & Tom Oakes
Intercessions: Anita Robertshaw

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 Emscote Place & Southowram

Among our congregation:

Christian, Jolene & Isla Mary, Richard Hilton

Monday – That the cease-fire agreement between Gaza & Israel will be long lasting & peace in Ukraine

Tuesday - local shops & businesses

Wednesday – for our local MP & Counsellors

Thursday – the Hospice Movement, esp. Overgate

Friday – all waiting for hospital tests or treatment

Saturday – for our Welcomers & Sidespeople

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, Denise Keenan, Judy Wright, Theo Mayfield, Lynn Hudson, Michael Kenyon, Beryl Wilson, Philippa Jordan, Mary Haward

Those in long term sickness:

Barbara Wood, Eileen Wild, Sarah Pegg

Recently departed:

Jennifer Fairhurst, Steven Parkin, Susi Harris

Anniversaries:

Lily Haigh (19) Dorothy Ashton (20) Gladys Couchman, George Foster (21) Ellen Whiteley (22)

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

(cf Ps.30:3-4)

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, whose Son went about among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING (Jeremiah 17:5-8)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the
wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are
those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 1)

**R: Happy are those, happy are those who
have placed their trust in the Lord.**

Happy indeed are those who follow not the counsel
of the wicked; nor linger in the way of sinners
nor sit in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponder his law day and night. **R:**

They are like a tree that is planted beside the
flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that they do shall prosper. **R:**

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff shall
be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R:**

SECOND READING (1 Cor. 15:12-20)

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians*

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead,
how can some of you say there is no resurrection of
the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead,
then Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has
not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain and
your faith is in vain. We are even found to be
misrepresenting God, because we testified of God
that he raised Christ - whom he did not raise if it is
true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are
not raised, then Christ has not been raised.¹⁷ If
Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and
you are still in your sins. Then those also who have
died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we
have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to
be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have died.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the Kingdom to mere
children. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

GOSPEL (Luke 6:17, 20-26)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level
place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great
multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and
the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear
him and to be healed of their diseases, Then he
looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you
who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of
God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you
will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you and when
they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on
account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and
leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in
heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the
prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received
your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry
"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will
mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well
of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the
false prophets.

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

