

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.  
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,  
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way;  
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;  
some carry the gospel through fire  
and through flood:  
our world is their parish: their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,  
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own:  
they shame our complaining,  
our comforts, our cares:  
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

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In loving, in living, they prove it is true:  
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

Words: F.Pratt Green (1903-2001) Music: 'Hanover'

### During the week:

**Tuesday 5 November - 10am-12pm**  
**Monthly Coffee Morning – Parish Room**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. - 10am-12.00  
St Paul's Craft Group meets in the Parish Room

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> - 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 for the people of Spain affected by the flooding

**Next Sunday – 10<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Remembrance Sunday and 3<sup>rd</sup> of Advent**  
**11.00am Parish Mass**

*To help you prepare for our worship why not look up the readings we will use: Jonah 3:1-5,10; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 1:14-20*

Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. 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!*

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# St Paul, King Cross, Halifax

Sunday 3 November 2024

## Welcome to the Parish Mass today as we celebrate All Saints 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: 226;** Rejoice in God's saints  
**197; 396; 224**

Readers: Joan Porter & Mary Barton-Marshall  
Intercessions Harry Atkinson

*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 Delph Hill Road & Southowram

### Among our congregation:

Stephen Foster, Carole Greenwood, Mary Heath

Monday – Peace in the troubled areas of the world  
Tues - all at Parkinson Lane & Warley Rd Schools  
Wednesday – Give thanks for all who have helped us on our journey of faith

Thurs. – Social & Community workers

Friday – for all working on the Church Roof

Saturday – All waiting hospital tests or treatment

### 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, Martin Hirst, Susan Wainwright, Lynn Hudson

### Those in long term sickness:

Brenda Stones, Lesley Woodall, Barbara Wood

### Recently departed:

### Anniversaries:

Florence Pearson, (3) Jack Pickle, Joan Jackson (4) Mary Blackburn (5) Douglas Jowett, Guy Crowther (6) John Addy (9)

Sunday 1 December 5pm **Advent Carols**

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

# All Saints Sunday

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Let us all rejoice in the Lord and keep a festival in honour of all the saints. Let us join with the angels in joyful praise of the Son of God.

**THE COLLECT** Almighty holy God, you call your people to holiness. As we keep the festival of your saints, give us their meekness and poverty of spirit, a thirst for righteousness, and purity of heart. May we share with them the richness of your kingdom and be clothed in the glory you bestow. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**THE FIRST READING** (Revelation 7: 2-4; 9-14)  
*A reading from the Revelation of St John the Divine*  
I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty it was to devastate land and sea, "Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, "Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words: "Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen."

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, "Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?" I answered him, "You can tell me, my lord." Then he said, "These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb."

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 24)

***R Such are the ones who seek your face, O Lord***

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **R:**

Who shall stand in his holy place? Those with clean hands and pure heart, who desire not worthless things. **R:**

They shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves them. Such are the ones who seek him, seek the face of the Lord. **R:**

**THE SECOND READING** (1 John 3:1-3)

*A reading from the first letter of St John*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** (Matthew 5: 1-12)

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

"How blessed are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Blessed are those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for  
what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Blessed are the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted in the cause  
of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people abuse you and  
persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny  
against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for  
your reward will be great in heaven."

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



**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**  
and **THOUGHT FOR THE**  
**WEEK:**

You are no longer strangers  
and aliens, but you are  
citizens with the saints and  
also members of the  
household of God.

*(Ephesians 2:19)*