



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

St Paul, King Cross, Halifax

Sunday 9 February 2025

During the week:

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

Thursday 13th Feb. – 10.30am Said Mass
followed by refreshments

Next Sunday – 16 Feb. 2025

6th Sun. in Ordinary Time & 3rd before Lent
11.00am Parish Mass

To help you prepare for our worship why not look up
the readings we will use: Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1
Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26

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)

A big thank you to everyone who has helped to clean the Church on Saturday mornings during the work on the roof. Some weeks, there has been much shoot and debris to clear and make ready for Sunday – so not the easiest of cleaning. Now the work has finished we will return to the usual routine of cleaning on a Friday morning, while on the first Saturday of each month we would welcome more 'Divine Dusters' to come and help clean and give our faithful Friday team a well earned rest. We are most fortunate that our small Friday cleaning team works so hard to keep our large church clean and ready for every Sunday – there's always room for more volunteers on any Friday – even if you can only give a couple of hours once or twice a month – that would be really helpful.

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Welcome to our Parish Mass on 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time and the 4th 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: 345; 200; 410; 353; 361

Reader: Steven Disher & Harry Atkinson
Intercessions: Tom Oakes

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 Grove & Southowram

Among our congregation: Rosemary & Peter Cain,
Fiona Cocker, Molly, Pippa, Beau & Romy

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

Tuesday – the Community of the Resurrection

Wednesday – for Missionary Societies

Thursday – the Emergency Service personnel

Friday – all who are in any kind of need today

Saturday – for our servers

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:

Richard Dixon, Brenda Stones, Lesley Woodall

Recently departed:

Jennifer Fairhurst, Steven Parkin, Susi Harris

Anniversaries:

Mary Dearden (10) May Smith, Ruth Smith (12)
Kathleen Davidson (13) Nellie Whitely, Ena Ward,
Arnold Fletcher, Julie Helm, Marjorie Bennett (14)
Lily Foster, Colin Fletcher (15)

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the lord our God. (cf Ps.94:6)

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING (Isaiah 6:1-8)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The foundation of the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts! Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 138)

R: Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **R:**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **R:**

All earth's Kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways: 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **R:**

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hand. **R:**

SECOND READING (1 Cor. 15:1-11)

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

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you - unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them - though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made know to you everything I have learnt from my Father. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

GOSPEL (Luke 5:1-11)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

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

