Welcome to our Church

Do join us for refreshments after Mass today

St Anne in the Grove, Southowram

Sunday 25 October 2026

Many thanks indeed to everyone who worked so hard over recent weeks to help our Arts & Crafts Fair run so smoothly last weekend.
Plus all who helped to serve refreshments or to welcome visitors in Church.
We had over 100 people visiting the Church to look at the artwork, and as many in the Hall to enjoy refreshments and the varied Craft Stalls.

This week – Monday 26th Oct. 1pm-3pm
St Anne's Crafty Souls Craft Group meets in the Community Hall

Wednesday 28th - SS. Simon & Jude
10.30am Said Mass
with refreshments afterwards.

Next Sunday, 1 November
All Saints Sunday 9.30am 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.
10.30am Requiem Mass
(12.00 midday - Requiem Mass at St Paul'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.

Saturday 7 Nov. Coffee Morning for the RBL

~ Saturday 14 Nov. 2.30pm
The Clifton & Lightcliffe Band in Concert

~ Saturday 28 Nov. Christmas Fayre

~ Fri 11 – Sun 13 Dec. Christmas Tree Festival

With the number of fund raising events coming up this Autumn, we really do need some nice good quality items for our tombola prizes and raffles. Following last year's success, we hope to have a number of Christmas Hampers for the special raffle at the Christmas Fayre. Prizes can be left in the box at the back of Church any Sunday or Wednesday.
Thank you.

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: 813 (omit*); **631; 828; 503; 629**

There's a contactless payment facility at the back of Church and if you pay tax please make use of the Gift Aid envelopes – it helps us a great deal - Thank you!

Please stay for refreshments afterwards

During the week please pray for:

Our neighbours in Church Lane, Clay Royd Lane and our sister parish of King Cross

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:
John Greenwood, Paula Mead, Graham Firth, Mary Haward, Tony Hill, Bernadette Lister-Pollard, Diane Metcalfe, Julie Lloyd, John Rushforth, Rita Hansom, Judith Holroyd, Robert Hughes.

The recently departed:
Anniversaries: Sheila Hale, Sylvia Knowles

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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)*