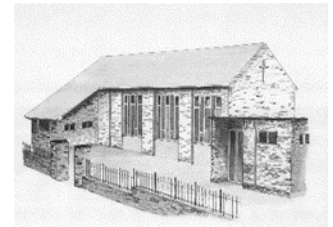


ST MARY & ST ALBAN

HALIFAX



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (IT IS NOW YEAR 'B')

29TH NOVEMBER 2020

MASSES CELEBRATED LIVE IN ST MARY'S AND STREAMED VIA YOU TUBE

Day	Time	Intention
Sunday 29th November—First Sunday of Advent	9:30a.m. (L)	For the Parish
Monday 30th—St Andrew	No Mass	
Tuesday 1st December—Weekday in Advent	9:30a.m. (L) 11:30a.m.	Fr Hubert McNamara Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Currell
Wednesday 2nd— Weekday in Advent	9:30a.m.(L)	Dominick and Christopher Colleran
Thursday 3rd—St Francis Xavier	9:30a.m. (L)	Dead List
Friday 4th—St John Damascene	9:30a.m.(L)	Margaret Killough
Saturday 5th— Weekday in Advent	12:15p.m.	Charles Griffin

Please pray for Fr Jack Kennedy, Clive Fowler and all those who have died recently and for Fr Hubert McNamara and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MASSES RECEIVED: Czeslaw & Felicja Zieba, Nowak Family,
Dominick & Christopher Colleran, Sheila Greenwood, Eddie & Mary Coates.

PUBLIC MASSES:

Following the end of the present period of lockdown, public acts of worship will be allowed to resume.

Therefore, parishioners can attend all Masses from Wednesday (2 December).
The same restrictions that were in place before this period will remain in force.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Because of the various restrictions this year, people have been asking about the celebration of Mass. It is to be hoped that the current restrictions on public communal acts of worship will be lifted on 3 December. However numbers able to attend each Mass will continue to be restricted. The Bishop reminds us, particularly this year, that the Octave of Christmas means that from 25th December - 1st January every day is seen by the Church as Christmas Day and if we are unable to book a seat for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day there will be plenty of seats for the daily Christmas Mass which concludes on 1st January, the end of the Octave, with the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

Thursday 24th December: Vigil Mass for Christmas: 4.00pm & 6.00pm.

Friday 25th December: Mass of Christmas Day: 9.30am & 11.00am

Saturday 26th December: Mass 12.15pm (St. Stephen)

Sunday 27th December: 9.30am, 11am, 6pm (Feast of the Holy Family)

Monday 28th December - Friday 1st January: 9.30am.

All Masses will be live streamed on You Tube.

It is **ESSENTIAL TO BOOK A PLACE** for ALL Masses (Daily Public and Christmas)
using the online booking system

Remember 4 people from the same household or social bubble only require 1 ticket.
5 people or more from the same household or social bubble only require 2 tickets.

PRAYER LIST

Lizzie Lees,
Margaret Thomson,
Margaret Burke,
John Wallis,
Millie Haigh,
David Murphy,
Peter Fekete,
Fawzia Mohamed,
William Long,
Sonya Box,
Julie Simpson,
Charlotte Fitzpatrick,
Kathleen Knapton,
Peter Carolan,
Peter Smith,
David Hopkinson,
Julie Hall,
Moya Andrew,
Tony Lennon,
Suzanne Peaker,
Rose Marie Rothery,
Larry Byrne,
Eddie Casey,
Winnie Whelan,
Kathleen Hannan,
Nancy McGrath,
Eleanor Foran,
Maureen Colleran,
Pat Reynolds and all the
sick and housebound of
the parish, their families
and those who care for
them.

PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday at 7pm:
The Rosary-Zoom Meeting
882 976 305

Password 7riK44

SVP

Anyone who needs to get in
touch with the SVP in the
Parish can now call
07512 011 440.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

On the Parish website there
is a link on the Home Page to
details of this week's
Children's Liturgy activities.
There are additional
Children's Resources via the
Parish Life tab at the top of
the Home Page.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
AND THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION-
WILL BE RESUMED FROM 11:00 A.M. UNTIL
NOON COMMENCING NEXT SATURDAY (5TH)**

**GIANNA PROJECT
AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING**

For the last two years, St Mary's and St Alban's have generously contributed to The Gianna Project's Moses Basket appeal. Unfortunately, this year, with the Covid 19 Pandemic, it is not appropriate to use the Moses baskets.

Therefore, this year they have launched what is referred to as the "Gianna Baby Bank Advent Calendar".

Eileen Holland O'Malley, our contact, has asked if parishioners or families could help by providing Christmas boxes (or bags), during first few weeks of Advent, to help single mums and their babies. The Gifts for these boxes (or bags) can be wrapped with a note detailing the contents or they can be left unwrapped.

As the attached "Gianna Baby Bank Advent Calendar" indicates, the boxes (or bags) should include new mum and baby items. For example baby wipes, baby lotion, creams, baby shampoo, good quality baby clothes and maybe a Christmas present for baby. For new mums, perhaps toothpaste, pads, deodorant and bars of chocolate. Each box or bag will be given as a Christmas present to the family. Please leave your gift box or bag at the back of Church and they will be collected from Monday 14th December so that they can be delivered before Christmas.

For any further details please contact Caroline Walsh 07826818872.

**NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS
AND REMEMBRANCE
NOVEMBER DEAD LIST**

There are November Dead List envelopes at the back of church and along with the bulletin. They can be returned to the box at the back of church or at the presbytery. Those who are not attending church at present can leave an envelope marked 'November Dead List' at the presbytery.

Dead List envelopes will still be available when the church Reopens The November Dead List will be prayed for at Masses throughout the year.

THE GATHERING PLACE FOOD BANK

Over the next two Sundays (6th and 13th December) we will be collecting Foodstuffs and Domestic Products for the local Food Bank.

You can bring your contribution to any of the Masses on those days.

This will be the last collection before Christmas and we would ask for your generosity to help those less fortunate than ourselves at this special time of the year.

£100,000 CHALLENGE

DESIGN A CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

The children of the parish are invited to design a Christmas card.

The cards should be no bigger than A5 (148mm x 210mm). Individual entries should be placed in a sealed envelope along with the entry fee of £1.00. The child's name and age and a telephone contact no. should be included on the envelope.

All entries should be placed in the "Design a Christmas Card Competition" box at the back of St Mary's Church.

The closing date for entries is 13 December 2020.

All entries will be displayed at the back of the Church and the winning card will be displayed on the parish website.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES ACROSS THE PARISH

In previous years, many of us have exchanged Christmas cards with clergy and fellow parishioners. As our contact with others is restricted this year, one way we can come together is through a virtual Parish Christmas card with a Christmas message for clergy and all parishioners. This will be in the form of an insert in the parish bulletin on **20 December 2020**. It will also be added to the parish website.

In return for a donation, your name and personal message will be added to the virtual Christmas card. All you have to do is to write your name and message on an envelope and place your sealed envelope (with your donation inside) in the "Christmas Messages" box at the back of St Mary's Church. Alternatively, you can put your envelope through the door of the Presbytery, but please make sure it is marked "Christmas Messages".

If you are unable to get out and you live locally, you can contact Ros Somerville-Jones (on 07929 871113) who will be happy to collect your "Christmas Messages" envelope.

Please note that, in order to allow time for the collation of messages, the last date for delivering your individual Christmas messages is **13 December 2020**.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

There are still a few boxes of Christmas cards available to purchase when the Church is open for public worship.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Due to the Church being closed for public worship and the restricted numbers allowed following reopening, the Parish Christmas Raffle will be replaced with an Easter 2021 raffle.

CREAM TEA IN A BOX

This will be postponed until the Church is able to open for public worship free of any restrictions. Apologies to those parishioners who have already registered, but hopefully there will be greater interest when things get back to normal.

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

See the separate entry on the Parish Website

Mass Offerings, Notices and News Items for the Parish Bulletin should be given to Fr Martin or Deacon John by Wednesday evening at the latest. Notices and News Items but not Mass Intentions can be sent to John Coates (01422 360469 or jbcoates@btinternet.com) again by Wednesday evening. The Parish Safeguarding Representative is Clare O'Neill (07792147620 psr.coneill@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) Leeds Diocese Charity Registration No. 249404