



THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY, HALIFAX

Incorporating the churches of St Alban and St Mary

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MASS SCHEDULE AND DEVOTIONS

Perpetual Novena:

Wednesday after 9:30am Mass

Holy Rosary:

Saturday after 12:15pm Mass

Devotions to the Sacred Heart:

First Friday of the month after 9:30am Mass

Our Lady's Lamp this week burns for:

Paul and Marina
Armstrong Burnley



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Saturday 11:00am – 12:00pm
at St Mary's

Confessions:

Saturday -
11:00am-12:00pm – St Mary's
Sunday -
5:30pm-6:00pm – St Alban's
or on Request

Marriages and Baptisms
by appointment

SUNDAY 25 th	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Emily Hallinan Peter Carolan For the Parish
MONDAY 26 th	Feria	No Public Mass		
TUESDAY 27 th	St Vincent de Paul	7:00pm	St Alban's	Joan Smith
WEDNESDAY 28 th	Feria	9:30am	St Mary's	Tony and Julie Simpson
THURSDAY 29 th	Holy Archangels	9:30am	St Alban's	Brigid Kelly
FRIDAY 30th	St Jerome	7:00pm	St Mary's	INDUCTION MASS
SATURDAY 1 st	St Thérèse of Lisieux	12:15pm	St Mary's	Edward Hintze

READERS ROTA

THIS SUNDAY

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am	Rachel Fitzpatrick	9:30am	John Greenwood
11:00am	Jovanna Karuna	11:00am	Kieron Green
6:00pm	Judith McDonald	6:00pm	Bernard Corcoran

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

A reminder that this Friday evening at 7:00pm, Father Hilton will be inducted as our Parish Priest at a special Mass celebrated by the Bishop in the presence of the Mayor of Calderdale,

The Mass will be followed by a celebration in the Catholic Club. Everyone is most welcome to attend. To make sure that there is plenty of **parking** available, The Elim Church on Hall Street have very kindly given permission for us to use their car park for the evening, HX1 5AY.

In preparation, a church **cleaning** "party" has been arranged for Wednesday 28th September at 10:30am, food, drink and music will be supplied and there will be plenty of polishing to do!

All volunteers most welcome.

PARISH LADIES' GUILD

Ladies and Gentlemen, you are invited to the Parish Ladies Guild AFTERNOON TEA to be held at the Halifax Catholic Club on Saturday 1st October 2-4pm. Tickets are £7.50 each and must be purchased before the day as seating is limited to 60 people.

Tickets on sale before and after the Sunday 9.30am and 11am Masses.

The next meeting of the Parish Ladies Guild will be on Thursday 13th October at 7pm in St Alban's parish room. Our guest speaker will be Patrick Robertshaw retired Barrister and Judge.

We are opening this up to any parishioner male or female who would like to join us.

Admission £2 includes light refreshments.

As space is limited in the hall, could you please text me to let me know if you intend to attend.

Jean 07453639567

40 DAYS FOR LIFE LEEDS

Prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil outside the MSI abortion facility, Leeds. 28 September to 6 November, 7am to 7pm. The last sign of hope and first sign of mercy to those attending MSI Leeds. Over 20,000 lives saved by campaigns worldwide since 2007. Please take a flyer from the back of church if available.

To get involved as a prayer partner or as a vigil volunteer come to our Information Evening at St Augustine's Lower Hall, LS8 5HR on Wednesday 21st September 7pm to 8pm or contact: Chris Redding 07815681343 email 40daysforlifeleeds@gmail.com, Further information at

www.40daysforlife.com/Leeds

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

If you want to join in and help the SVP team or if you need assistance please call 07512 011 440.

If you would like to financially support us here are the details: Bank sort Code 60-60-04; Account number 46086137 Account name - SS Mary and Alban Halifax.

You can find out more about the SVP at www.svp.org.uk

Next Meeting— 27th September at 6:45p.m. in St Alban's Parish Hall.

We'd like to thank everyone for their support, both in baking and buying, for our cake stall last Sunday, we made a whopping £300 - a fabulous amount. What fantastic and supportive parishioners we have - thank you from us and from those that this money will benefit.

PRAYER LIST

David Sutcliffe, Gladys Megson, Patricia Hintze, Patricia Ellison, John Wallis, Millie Haigh, David Murphy, Peter Fekete, Fawzia Mohamed, William Long, Sonya Box, Julie Simpson, Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Peter Smith, Julie Hall, David Hopkinson, Moya Andrew, Suzanne Peaker, Larry Byrne, Winnie Whelan, Kathleen Hannan, Nancy McGrath, Eleanor Foran, Maureen Colleran, Patricia Reynolds and all the sick and housebound of the parish, their families and those who care for them.

If you know of anyone in the Parish who is ill or is housebound please let Fr Hilton or Deacon John know so that a visitation can be arranged.

GATHERING PLACE FOOD BANK (EBENEZER)

Next Sunday is the first in the month and our day for donation for Food and Domestic Products to the Food Bank.
Donations can be left at the back of churches during the week.

WEDNESDAY ROSARY ZOOM MEETING

The codes to access the Zoom have now changed. Meeting ID is 73566939905 Password is SsOeA3

PLEASE PRAY FOR Eleanor Shelmerdine and all those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

A parishioner was telling me this week that he was “tired of living through moments of history.” When I asked him what he meant by that, he said that what with the pandemic, lockdowns, the death of the Queen, war in Ukraine etc... all the drama was getting too much and he was hoping for a quiet period without any more breaking news.

I absolutely understand the desire for a quiet life, I wouldn't mind one myself! But the fact is, all of these things have happened before and will happen again. There have been great plagues throughout history, war has raged across the continent of Europe and Kings and Queens have come and gone. When we are living in the moment, it can often be difficult to imagine the future or to recall the past. But I was struck this morning at Mass (I'm writing this on Thursday) by the first reading from the book of Ecclesiastes, which was written around about 2500 years ago and I think it's worth reproducing here.

“What was, will be again; what has been done, will be done again; and there is nothing new under the sun. Take anything of which it may be said, “Look now, this is new”. Already, long before our time, it existed. Only no memory remains of earlier times, just as in times to come, next year itself will not be remembered.”

This ancient wisdom has much to say to us today. All things are clear in God's sight and all things are well in His care. We must never fool ourselves into thinking that what we experience today is something new or has never happened before. This goes as much for global events as it does for our personal and family lives, however calm or dramatic they may be.

In the words of one of my favourite hymns: “Be still my soul, thy God doth undertake. To guide the future as he has the past. Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake. All now mysterious, shall be bright at last.”

God bless you all.

Fr Hilton

MASSES RECEIVED:

Edward Hintze, Carole Ann Horan, Bridgid Kelly, Irene & Tomaz Nalepa, Andy & Selina Kurmis, Paolo Alessandro Capone

Mass Offerings, Notices and News Items for the Parish Bulletin should be given to Fr Hilton or Deacon John by Wednesday evening. Notices and News Items but not Mass Intentions can be sent to John Coates (07842 066450 or jboates@btinternet.com) again by Wednesday evening.

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