



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:

"A Restoration to full health"



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

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

Confessions:

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

Marriages and Baptisms by appointment

Sunday 4 th	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30 a.m. 11:00a.m. 6:00p.m.	St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	John Joseph Staden Fr Tom Durkin and Fr Eric Wright For The Parish
Monday 5 th	Feria	9:30a.m. 6:00p.m.	St Mary's St Mary's	Dead List Reception of...
Tuesday 6 th	REQUIEM	11:15a.m	St Mary's	PETER CAROLAN
Wednesday 7 th	Feria	9:30a.m.	St Mary's	2 Children
Thursday 8 th	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:30a.m.	St Alban's	Bryan Greenwood
Friday 9 th	St Peter Claver	No	Mass	Today
Saturday 10 th	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	12:15 p.m.	St Mary's	Private Intention

READERS ROTA

THIS SUNDAY

9:30am	Rachel Fitzpatrick
11:00am	Tim Widdop
6:00pm	Judith McDonald

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am	John Greenwood
11:00am	Wendy Balarua
6:00pm	Bernard Corcoran

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.

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, on **Friday 30th September at 7:00pm.**

The Mass will be followed by a celebration in the Catholic Club.

Everyone is most welcome to attend.

PARISH CENSUS

During the “lockdown” many parishioners filled out the new parish census form online. To help improve our parish records there are now paper copies available at the back of both churches. If you have not already, please complete a form and either hand it to one of the clergy or drop it in the box marked “Census” at the back of church.

It is very important to have your up-to-date contact details on file, especially if you are sick, need a visit or if we need to send anything through the post. The form will only take you 2 minutes to fill out. Please take one (per household) today. Fr Hilton.

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The SVP would like to thank all who have donated via the bank for their kindness. It is only because of your continued generosity that we are able to carry out our work to help those who need it so a very heartfelt thanks from us and from them. 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— 6th September at 6:45p.m. in St Alban's Parish Hall.

We will be holding a CAKE SALE at the back of church on Sunday 18th September after the 0930 and 1100 Masses. Any contributions of baking will be gratefully accepted. Many thanks.

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.

MASSES RECEIVED: Philip Hirst, Mary and George Poppleton, Arthur and Lucy Ellison, Fr Tom Durkin and Fr Eric Wright, Peter Carolan x 2, Mary, Tom and Leo Dolly, Bryan Greenwood x 12

PLEASE PRAY FOR Maxine Patron and all those who have died recently and for Canon Edward Quinn, Mgr. Denis Rafferty, Fr Daniel Mulvihill, Fr Bernard Blackburn, Fr Edward Woodhouse and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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 mass.

We would be very grateful for any raffle prize donations.

The **next meeting** of the Parish Ladies Guild will be on Thursday 8th September at 7pm in St Alban's parish hall. Fr Joshua will be joining us later in the evening (to see what we get up to). Please come along and join us. New and past members are very welcome.

The judge will now be our speaker in October. For more information, please contact Jean 07453639567

200 CLUB AUGUST WINNERS

1st prize 92. Maria Moska 2nd prize. 87. Margaret McCormack 3rd prize. 44. Gretta Metcalfe

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

As we enter the month of September and the new academic year begins, it feels as if the world is starting to come back to life after a long hot summer, the air is slightly cooler and I'm sure many of your families will be preparing for the start of the new term. For us as Catholics, our whole faith is based around the notion of "fresh starts", whether that's the greatest new beginning of all, when Our Lord rose from the tomb and destroyed the power of death, or if it's our monthly confession that wipes the slate clean and allows us to begin again, our lives are forever marked by change and new beginnings. As St John Henry Newman famously wrote "To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."

With that in mind, you may notice a few small changes, including; the format of the bulletin that has altered slightly. The content is still the same, exciting information as before, but I hope that the new layout will prove to be clear and easy follow.

Please notice also, on the front page, that there is list of new liturgical devotions that will begin from this week including, a Perpetual Novena to Our Lady every Wednesday, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, every Saturday and Devotions to the Sacred Heart every first Friday of the month. The world is an ever more uncertain place and many parishioners have spoken to me of their anxieties and concerns about the future. As followers of Christ, our first response to any challenge that we face must always be one of prayer. Our Lord tells us that in times of trial, our surest hope is to place our trust in Him. I want to make sure that this parish provides every opportunity for us to pray together as a community, for ourselves and for one another. To this end, Mass on Tuesdays will now be celebrated each week at 7:00pm, this will allow those who work and are unable to attend in the morning, at least one opportunity throughout the week to attend an evening Mass.

From this Sunday, the use of the altar rails for the distribution of Holy Communion will be restored at St Mary's. This means that rather than forming a long queue, those who wish to receive Communion are to line up along the altar step. This is for a number of reasons. Firstly it means that the Blessed Sacrament doesn't have to be consumed whilst walking away from the altar. It allows those who wish to take a moment to make a thanksgiving after receiving the Host, to do so without being in the way of others and it likewise permits those with mobility issues to take their time rather than feeling like they have to rush to get 'out of the way'. Most importantly, it will allow, those who wish to do so, to receive Holy Communion reverently whilst kneeling (and make getting back up easier with the help of the rail!). I hope that this small change will help us to foster an ever greater reverence for the gift that is Our Lord's Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

Finally, as the new term begins, I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for the very warm welcome I have received since arriving in Halifax at the beginning of the Summer and to tell you how proud I am to be your Parish Priest. I keep all of you in my prayers each day, but please remember, if there is anything that I can ever do to be of help or assistance to you, please do not hesitate to ask.

God bless you all.

Fr Hilton

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 01422 360469 or jbcoates@btinternet.com) again by Wednesday evening.

The Parish Safeguarding Representative is Clare O'Neill

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