



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:

The intentions of Pauline Luniw



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 23 rd	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 11:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	People of the Parish Peter Carolan Polish Mass Andy and Selina Kurmis
MONDAY 24 th	Feria	No Public Mass		
TUESDAY 25 th	Feria	7:00pm	St Alban's	Private Intention
WEDNESDAY 26 th	Feria	9:30am	St Mary's	Joan Smith
THURSDAY 27 th	Feria	9:30am	St Alban's	Peggy and Peter Travis
FRIDAY 28 th	Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles	9:30am	St Mary's	Fr Bernard Blackburn
SATURDAY 29 th	Memoria of the B.V.M.	12:15pm	St Mary's	Mikhail Stepanovich Peshkeldin

READERS ROTA

THIS SUNDAY

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am	John Greenwood	9:30am	Gabrielle Colleran
11:00am	Wendy Balahura	11:00am	Katarzina Machinu
6:00pm	Bernard Corcoran	6:00pm	Paul Coates

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

Irene Whysker, Kathleen Cookson, Catherine Lopuszniak, Ellen Lonergan, Kevin Costello

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST – HOLY SOULS

A reminder that November is the month of the year dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls. During the month of November, two Masses each week will be offered for those on our parish Dead List and then the remaining Masses will be offered throughout the coming year. If you would like your deceased family and friends to be included in these Masses, please place a list of their names, along with an offering in the **envelopes available at the back of church** and then hand them in to one of the clergy or place them through the presbytery letterbox.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today. It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries witness to their faith and offer vulnerable women in Ethiopia hope for a better future. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: missio.org.uk

THE ANNUAL DEANERY SERVICE AT STONEY ROYD CEMETERY

will take place at 3pm on Sunday 6th November at Stoney Royd. Please meet by the Cemetery gates. It is so important to pray for the Holy Souls in purgatory – especially those with no one left to pray for them because one day, that could be us.

WEDNESDAY ROSARY ZOOM MEETING

The codes to access the Zoom are. Meeting ID is 73566939905 Password is Ss0eA3

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Parents/Carers of children who have made their First Communion and are in Year 6 or above at non-Catholic schools should contact Fr Hilton, Deacon John or Helen Mellor (07931 998337) as soon as possible so that they can join the preparation sessions for Confirmation which will take place next February.

At the 11:00 Mass today children from our Parish school will be presented for Confirmation. Please pray for them, their families, sponsors and those who are helping them to prepare.

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— This Wednesday 26th October at 6:30p.m. at St Alban's.

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

I am pleased to report that I survived the clergy trip to Ampleforth Abbey earlier this week. It was good to catch up with other priests, especially ones that I have not seen for quite some time. But what was even nicer, was simply spending time in the monastery itself.

Religious houses always have a distinct and particular feeling and Ampleforth, as a Benedictine Abbey, is no exception. Set amidst beautiful countryside, the buildings stand at the top of a valley, from where the great bell calling the monks to prayer can be heard ringing out. The atmosphere is one of peace and tranquillity and it is easy to see what draws the monks to their distinctive life of prayer and contemplation.

I have visited Ampleforth many times in the past, and like numerous other priests and people before me, have sat in the choir stalls as the monks chant their prayers wondering if this life could be for me. I spent time this week wandering around the grounds thinking about how wonderful it would be enter such a place and stay there forever, free from the cares of the world and dedicating every day to prayer and study.

I am not completely stupid, however, and realise that in reality, I wouldn't last two minutes as a monk! Religious life is a very beautiful but particular vocation and one that I know that I just wouldn't be able to hack – the 5am starts would finish me off pretty quickly. What is very clear to me, though, is that we who do not live that life, have much to learn from those who do.

The monks live a life of prayer that is marked by regularity and fidelity, not by mood or convenience. Their life as a community helps them to see Christ in every person, no matter how irritating that might be at times. It helps them to be ever more attentive to the needs of others and helps them to truly die to self. The monks also take a vow of stability, which is a lifelong commitment to remain in the same place. This makes a powerful statement to the world, that contentment and fulfilment do not exist in constant change and that true happiness cannot necessarily be found anywhere other than in this place at this time. Obedience also holds a special place in the monastic community. Monks owe "unfeigned and humble love" to their abbot not because they are infallible, but because they take the place of Christ. St Benedict carefully outlined the qualities that an abbot should possess: wisdom, prudence, discretion, and sensitivity to individual differences. The exercise of authority in the monastery points more to mercy than justice, more to understanding of human weakness than strict accountability, more to love than zeal. What should define the abbot said St Benedict is not being in charge but being in relationship with all the monks entrusted to his care.

Although I could never join a monastery myself, it is always so refreshing to spend time in one. I know that many of you will have probably visited Ampleforth before but I was wondering if it would be worth organising a parish retreat there in the not too distant future – let me know what you think.

God bless you all.
Fr Hilton

**PLEASE PRAY FOR Celine Holroyd and all those who have died recently and
for Canon Charles Leteux, Fr William Backhouse and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

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 jbcoates@btinternet.com) again by Wednesday evening.

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