



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:

A private intention



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 26 th MARCH	5 th Sunday of Lent	9:30am 11:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Sylvia Keyes (A) Fr Ken Taylor Polish Mass People of the Parish
MONDAY 27 th	REQUIEM	1:00pm	St Mary's	Luigi Massimo
TUESDAY 28 th	Lent	7:00pm	St Alban's	Bryan Greenwood
WEDNESDAY 29 th	Lent	9:30am	St Mary's	Terry Budds
THURSDAY 30 th	Lent	No Public Mass		
FRIDAY 31 st	Lent	9:30am	St Mary's	Bernard Wadsworth (A)
SATURDAY 1 st APRIL	Lent	12:15pm	St Mary's	Josie McLaughlin

READERS ROTA

THIS SUNDAY

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am	John Greenwood		Gabrielle Colleran
11:00am	Jovanna Karuna	11:00am	Kieron Green
6:00pm	Bernard Corcoran	6:00pm	Richard Siebierski

MASSES RECEIVED

Millie Haigh, Teresa Brown, Paul Mainon, Peter Carolan, Peter Carolan & Mary and Tom Dolly,
Geraldine Lozarno, Ann O'Brien

PLEASE PRAY FOR Luigi Massimo and all those who have died recently
and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER LIST

David Sutcliffe, Gladys Megson, John Wallis, David Murphy, Peter Fekete, William Long, Sonya Box,
Julie Simpson, Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Peter Smith, Julie Hall, Moya Andrew, Suzanne Peaker,
Larry Byrne, Winnie Whelan, Kathleen Hannan, Nancy McGrath, Eleanor Foran, 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.

BISHOP MOGER

Bishop Moger will celebrate Mass at St Mary's on **Friday 28th of April at 7:00pm** during which we
will present him with the gift that we collected for. There will then be a buffet and party in the Catholic
Club. We will be joined that evening by priests from the Deanery, Fr Kelly and Mgr Smith.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION

Will take place each Friday in Lent at 6:00pm in
St Mary's. Stations of the Cross at St Alban's will
take place after Mass on Thursday mornings.

DEANERY DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard all day in St Mary's
from 9am – 5pm on Saturday 1st of April.
Please remember that you are required to make
your Easter duties.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING FOR EASTER TRIDUUM

It would be wonderful if all Altar Servers attend the Easter Triduum services. There are two training
sessions planned at 11.00 on Maundy Thursday and 11.00 on Holy Saturday. This will ensure complete
readiness for the Easter Triduum services. Please make every effort to attend both.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Yesterday at St Bernard's Church children from our parish and all parishes of the Deanery made their
First Confession. **CONGRATULATIONS**

Please pray for them and their families as they continue in their faith lives and move towards their
First Communion and Confirmation.

HAPPY DAYS FOOD BANK

Next Sunday is the first of the month and our day for
donations to the Food Bank. We have received a
'THANK YOU' card from Happy Days. A copy is
posted at the back of our churches.

ZOOM CODES FOR WEDNESDAY ROSARY MEETING

NEW codes: ID 715 4932 8980
Pass code 96Ji3A

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you require the services of the SVP please call
07512 011 440.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 18th April
at 6 pm at St Alban's

ST MARY'S PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWS

The School has a Vacancy for a SITE MANAGER.
For a Job Description and Application Details
please contact the School. Tel. 01422 362365.

PARISH LADIES GUILD

The PARISH QUIZ, hosted by the Parish Ladies Guild will be held at the Catholic Club on Saturday 13
May at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 each, supper included. Teams of up to 4 players. Tickets will be on sale after
the 9.30am and 11am Masses. Tickets to be purchased before the night.

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

Continuing our reflections on the Holy Mass, I would like now to look at how the structure of the Mass relates to the events of Holy Week that we will very shortly be celebrating. A common misconception these days is that the Mass is simply a re-enactment of the last supper. Nothing could be further from the truth and we must not fall into the trap of this way of thinking. The Mass is in fact the re-presentation of Our Lord's passion, death and resurrection and as we begin Holy Week in a few days' time, I would like to highlight the connections between the events of that week and what happens during the Mass.

PALM SUNDAY: Christ enters Jerusalem, the place of his crucifixion. This corresponds to the **Entrance Procession** of the Mass. In both cases, the priest walks to the altar to begin the sacrifice that sets us free. In the priest, it is Christ who comes to the altar of sacrifice at each Mass we celebrate.

SPY WEDNESDAY: Christ (and Judas) make their final preparations for the Passover Sacrifice. The apostles prepare the room in which they are to celebrate the sacrifice-meal, while Judas meets the Pharisees and arranges Christ's betrayal. This corresponds with the **Preparation of the Altar** - the preparation of the Gifts, when the bread and wine are brought to the altar and dedicated to God before they are consecrated. All is now ready for the sacrifice, as it was on that Wednesday.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: Christ celebrates the Passover with the disciples. He takes bread and turns it into his Body, wine and turns it into his Blood. The institution of the Mass itself takes place and, during it, the ordination of the first priests - the apostles. This part of the Paschal Mystery corresponds most fully with the **Consecration** as we repeat the words Christ used and celebrate the Last Supper.

GOOD FRIDAY: for three hours Christ hung on the cross, giving his life for the world. Christ's body was broken in death, saving us from sin. This corresponds with the **Fraction of the Host** when the priest breaks the host over the chalice as a sign of Christ's death, while the people acclaim Christ as "Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world."

HOLY SATURDAY: the Vigil celebrates the new life of the Risen Christ, when he breaks the chains of death and springs triumphant from the grave. During that night, Christ vanquished death and rose in glorified form, no longer subject to physical nature as we are (hence his appearances in locked rooms etc.) He shares his glorified life with the disciples on many occasions, often eating with them. This corresponds with the reception of **Holy Communion**: here, it is we who receive the glorified and mystical Body and Blood of Christ, his new life since the resurrection.

EASTER SUNDAY: In Christ's appearances to the disciples, he confers on them innumerable blessings including the power to forgive sins and the command to preach to all nations. This corresponds with the **Blessing and Dismissal** of the Mass at which point we are confirmed in the faith we hold in the Risen One and are commissioned, as were the apostles, to go out and give witness to what we have just celebrated.

If you are able, I urge you to attend all three of the major Holy Week ceremonies, the Easter Triduum. In the liturgy of Holy Week, we enter into the Paschal mystery of Christ so as to draw from it in a special way the power of Christ's victory over sin and death. Each of the major ceremonies immerses us in an aspect of his saving sacrifice and moulds us according to the image of the risen Son of God. Let's make a special effort this year.

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 (07842 066450 or jbcoates@btinternet.com) again by Wednesday evening. The Parish Safeguarding Representative is Clare O'Neill (07792147620 psr.coneill@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)
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