



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 Gallagher Family



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 30 th APRIL	4 th Sunday of Easter	9:30am 11:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Nicholas Wannan Chris & Dominick Colleran Polish Mass People of the Parish
MONDAY 1 st	Eastertide	9:30am	St Mary's	Margaret Johnson
TUESDAY 2 nd	St Athanasius	9:30am	St Alban's	Elizabeth Noble
WEDNESDAY 3 rd	Ss. Philip and James	9:30am	St Mary's	Parish Dead List
THURSDAY 4 th	The English Martyrs	9:30am	St Alban's	Phyllis Whitaker
FRIDAY 5 th	Eastertide	12 Noon	St Mary's	His Majesty the King
SATURDAY 6 th	Coronation Day	No Public Mass		

READERS ROTA

THIS SUNDAY

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am	Rachel Fitzpatrick	9:30am	John Greenwood
11:00am	Malcolm Brown	11:00am	Wendy Balahura
6:00pm	Bernard Corcoran	6:00pm	Richard Siebierski

PLEASE PRAY FOR Caroline Crosland, Kevin Tomney 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.

EASTER HOUSE BLESSINGS This year Fr Hilton will be offering traditional Easter House Blessings with the new Easter water. This can take place any time between Easter Sunday and Ascension Thursday. Please send your details to office.stmary.halifax@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or call the presbytery on 01422 352141 to arrange a mutually convenient time.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY If you require the services of the SVP please call 07512 011 440.

PARISH LADIES GUILD The next meeting of the Parish Ladies Guild will be on Thursday 11th May at 7pm in St Alban's parish room. It's "BINGO" night ladies, so eyes down, look in, and don't forget your "dabbers". It's also bring a friend evening too. Past and new members are very welcome. 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 5 players. Tickets will be on sale after the 9.30am and 11am Masses. Tickets to be purchased before the night.

ST MARY'S PARISH MISSION St Mary's Parish Mission, as advertised on the posters at the back of church, will run from 3rd – 7th July. Fr Royston Price, one of the missionaries will be preaching at all Masses in the parish on the feast of Pentecost to give further details about what to expect.

MAY DEVOTIONS Each Sunday during the month of May there will be Rosary and Benediction in St Mary's at 4:00pm

ST MARY'S PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWS – VACANCIES

1. We are looking for a Full-Time (Permanent) Class Teacher with a TLR for RE to start Sept 2023. For further information please contact the School (01422 362365) or via the website.

2. Mid-Day Supervisor. Monday – Friday 6 ¼ hours per week, termtime only and to start asap.

The closing date for applications is 12th May 2023 and interviews will be held sometime in the week commencing 15th May 2023. Those interested in applying can either email in (admin@st-marys-halifax.calderdale.sch.uk) or ring up (01422 362365) and ask for an application form to be sent to them.

MASSES RECEIVED Ken, Rose & Annie Rothery, Steven Riordan, Marlene Jeffcock, Mary Stimpson, Frank Tate, Elizabeth Noble, Lucy Noble

NEED HELP GETTING TO AND FROM SUNDAY MASS AT ST MARY'S CHURCH?

Parishioners who are struggling to get to Sunday Mass due to lack of suitable transport arrangements might wish to consider registering with Access Bus. AccessBus is run by Metro and provides door-to-door local transport which, in most cases, is free of charge.

Several parishioners already use this service to get to and from Sunday Mass at St Mary's Church.

For more information and to register for AccessBus you can visit

<https://wymetro.com/plan-a-journey/accessible-travel/accessbus/>

or telephone 0113 348 1903 Monday to Friday between 7:30am and 4pm.

There will be a **RETIRING COLLECTION** today for **THE PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND**

CORONATION MASS A special Mass will be celebrated for the intentions of His Majesty the King at St Mary's on Friday 5th May (the day before the coronation) at 12 Noon.

ASCENSION THURSDAY A reminder that Ascension Thursday 18th May is a Holy Day of Obligation. The 7:00pm Mass at St Mary's that day will be celebrated by His Lordship, Bishop Stock.

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

The following paragraph is a message from His Eminence, Vincent Cardinal Nichols:

“Every Easter season is a time of joy. As the Easter prefaces put it, ‘overcome with Paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise.’ This Easter there is a particular occasion for joy in our land, as we shall see King Charles III crowned. Much will be written, and said, about the Coronation in the days to come. As Catholic Christians, we do well to bear in mind that the Coronation is a profoundly religious event. There are few, if any, other countries in the contemporary world in which the accession of the head of state is marked with such overt religious symbolism and prayer. Though there will be important expressions of the diversity of modern society in and around the ceremonial, much of the service is rooted deep in tradition and history. Key elements of the coronation liturgy trace their origins as far back as the twelfth century, the anointing among them. Though there is space only for a few to be present at Westminster Abbey for the Coronation, this is an important moment for us all to unite in prayer. On Friday 5th May, the day before the Coronation, Mass will be celebrated in most of our churches for the intentions of the King, as the culmination of three days of prayer. I invite you to join this prayer, and to attend Mass on the Friday if you can, at this time of significance and joy for us all.”

His Eminence is, of course, correct that there are very few nations in this day and age that would allow the accession of a new head of state to be so profoundly entwined with public faith and religion. As Catholics it is our duty to pray for the intentions of the King and indeed for the welfare of the nation. St Paul reminds us in his letter to Timothy “Pray for kings and others in power, so that we may live quiet and peaceful lives as we worship and honour God” (1 Tim 2:2). When we pray for those in authority over us, it does not matter what our personal opinion is of a particular individual. To offer prayer to God is to acknowledge His sovereign hand in our lives and society and imploring His aid in the exercise of just and equitable government is always in the interest of the common good. It is through officials fulfilling their roles well by providing order and peace that we are able to advance the gospel and our religion without interruption.

As part of the coronation oaths, the Archbishop of Canterbury will ask the King “Will you to the utmost of your power maintain the Laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel?” Think how many people today would love to do away with and abolish this profoundly spiritual dimension of our national life? There are, obviously, many issues with our system of government and we are sadly far from the perfect society but how fortunate are we to have the proclamation of the Gospel of Christ as one of the primary duties incumbent upon our head of state.

This coming Saturday is a day of monumental national and historical significance and, let us not forget, it is also opportunity to gather with friends and loved ones spend time together and celebrate. To paraphrase Sir Winston Churchill, “We, whose youth was passed in the august, unchallenged and tranquil glories of the Elizabethan Era, may well feel a thrill in invoking, once more, the prayer and the Anthem, 'God Save the King!'”

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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