



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 family in need"



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 7 th MAY	5 th Sunday of Easter	9:30am 11:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Marlene Jeffcock (A) Ken, Rose & Annie Rothery Polish Mass People of the Parish
MONDAY 8 th	Eastertide	No Public Mass		
TUESDAY 9 th	Eastertide	7:00pm	St Alban's	Geraldine Lozarno
WEDNESDAY 10 th	Eastertide	9:30am	St Mary's	Michael Morgan
THURSDAY 11 th	Eastertide	9:30am	St Alban's	Margaret Toolan
FRIDAY 12 th	Eastertide	9:30am	St Mary's	Lucy Noble
SATURDAY 13 th	Our Lady of Fatima	12:15pm	St Mary's	Marie Finn

READERS ROTA

THIS SUNDAY

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am	John Greenwood	9:30am	Gabrielle Colleran
11:00am	Wendy Balahura	11:00am	Barbara Gregson
6:00pm	Richard Siebierski	6:00pm	Paul Coates

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

PRAYER LIST

Willie Shaw, 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.

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 this 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 this 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 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.

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. Access Bus 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 Access Bus 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.

200 CLUB

It is now time for you to renew your subscription for the 200 club for 2023

New members are always welcome.

Application forms available at the back of St Mary's & St Albans Church

Please let us know if your details have changed

You can give your cheque/ cash to John Reynolds, Pat Ellison or Gretta Metcalfe

Thank you for your support.

ROSARY ZOOM MEETING

Here are the new codes for the next batch of Rosary Sessions, commencing on Wednesday 10th May.

ID is 76831545720 Password is T3RtA8

HAPPY DAYS FOOD BANK – Goods for the Food Bank can be left at church for collection.

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

We have begun the month of May, traditionally dedicated to Our Blessed Lady, the Mother of God, in which we seek to honour her and ask for her maternal protection upon ourselves and our world. As spectacular as the coronation of their Majesties was yesterday, the month of May reminds us that there is no greater power or authority than Our Lord, Jesus Christ, the King of Kings and His Blessed Mother who has been crowned the Queen of Heaven for all eternity.

So why is it that this particular month is dedicated to Our Blessed Lady? May is the time of year when spring is at the height of its beauty and the flowers are in full bloom. If you look up at the ceiling of St Mary's, you will see the various panels depicting the different titles and representations of the Blessed Virgin, including the Mystical Rose and the Lily of the Vale. These reflect Our Lady's beauty and purity and are a sign of hope and joy for us all.

There is no better way for us to honour our Heavenly Queen at this time, or indeed any time, than by praying the Holy Rosary. St Padre Pio once wrote: "Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against all the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother."

If only realised just how powerful the Rosary was, we would stop putting it off until later or until tomorrow. As Pope Pius IX famously said "Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world!" This May, make a special effort – it might surprise you.

God bless you all
Fr Hilton

Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Bring flowers of the rarest
Bring blossoms the fairest,
From garden and woodland
and hillside and dale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
Our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest
flower of the vale!

Chorus:

*O Mary we crown thee
with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels
and Queen of the May.
O Mary we crown thee
with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels
and Queen of the May.*

Their lady they name thee,
Their mistress proclaim thee,
Ah, grant that thy children on
earth be as true.
As long as the bowers
Are radiant with flowers,
As long as the azure
shall keep its bright hue.

Sing gaily in chorus;
The bright angels o'er us
Re-echo the strains
we begin upon earth
Their harps are repeating
The notes of our greeting,
For Mary herself is the
cause of our mirth.

Masses Received

Paul Connolly, Betty
Budds, Tony Slaboduch,
Canon Francis Sammons,
Philip Easton,
Peter Carolan,
Private Int.

MISSIO RED BOX

In 2022, St Mary's and
St Albans raised £682.40
through our Red Boxes
and donations to Missio
and the Mill Hill
Missionaries. Thank you!

MAY DEVOTIONS

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

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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