



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 Moska 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 11th
JUNE

Corpus Christi

9:30am
11:00am
1:00pm
6:00pm

St Mary's
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St Alban's

People of the Parish
Leslie Maragh
Polish Mass
Maya Corcoran

MONDAY 12th

Feria

9:30am

St Mary's

Anne Smyth

TUESDAY 13th

St Antony of Padua

7:00pm

Alban's

Andrea Woodward Int.

WEDNESDAY 14th

Feria

9:30am

St Mary's

Dionisio Marollano

THURSDAY 15th

Feria
(School Mass)

10:00am

St Mary's

Parish Dead List

FRIDAY 16th

Sacred Heart of Jesus

9:30am

St Mary's

Michael & Timothy
Child

SATURDAY 17th

Immaculate Heart of
Mary

No Public
Mass

READERS ROTA

THIS SUNDAY

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am	Rachel Fitzpatrick	9:30am	John Greenwood
11:00am	Lettie Damolo	11:00am	Ken Rothery
6:00pm	Paul Coates	6:00pm	Judith McDonald

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Elizabeth Hartley and all those who have died recently and for Bishop Robert Cornthwaite and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATION MASS

Today, 11th June, the Feast of *Corpus Christi*, at the 11am Mass, there will be a celebration for all the children in the parish who have made their first Confession, first Holy Communion or have been Confirmed this year. We will present the children with their certificates and then everyone is warmly invited to the Catholic Club for refreshments.

PARISH MISSION

Please continue to pray for the success of our forthcoming parish mission (2nd – 7th July)
Each day of the mission week (Mon – Thurs) there will be Mass at 9:30am followed by a Mission Service/Talk at 7:00pm. The Mission will conclude on Friday at lunchtime. There are leaflets available at the back of church to distribute to family and friends.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you require the services of the SVP please call 07512 011 440.
The next meeting is on Tuesday 13th June at 6 pm in St Alban's Parish room.

THE GIANNA PROJECT APPEAL.

Thank you so much for your continued help and support. Your generosity is appreciated more than ever give the challenging economic conditions. On this occasion we desperately need toiletries for mums and babies. We also require baby clothes for 0-3 month old babies. A Moses basket will left in the porch to receive your donations. Your help and kindness is deeply appreciated.

ORDINATION OF REV PAUL MOORES

You will remember that two years ago, Paul Moores was a seminarian who came on placement to work at St Mary's with Fr Kelly from the seminary in Rome. Paul's ordination to the priesthood will take place on Saturday 1st of July at 11:00am in the Cathedral in Leeds. He has extended a special invitation to the parishioners of this parish to attend the Mass. The ordination of a priest is a very special moment and I encourage all of you who are able, to be present in the Cathedral to support Paul on this very important day in his life and the life of the diocese as whole.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection today for the retired clergy fund. This is one of the most important collections of the year that goes to supporting priests in their old age who have given years of service to their people and the diocese. Please be as generous as you can.

ANNUAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF UNFAILING HELP

From the 18th – 26th June, Leeds Cathedral will be holding the annual novena to Our Lady of Unfailing Help, It will take place on Mondays – Fridays at 6.15pm; Saturdays and Sundays at 5.00pm and will comprise of a sermon, the rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Our Lady of Unfailing Help is the patroness of our diocese.

MASSES RECEIVED

Michael & Timothy Child, Dionisio Marollano, May & George Poppleton, Leslie Maragh

REQUIEM MASS FOR MILLIE HAIGH

The Vicar General of the diocese, Monsignor Paul Fisher, will celebrate a requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Mildred Haigh, Fr Lister's housekeeper of many years at St Alban's church on Tuesday 20th of June at 7:00pm. Refreshments will be provided in parish room after mass.

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

Over the last few months I have been called to several properties where, without going into unnecessary details, the people there have been experiencing unpleasant spiritual phenomena. When a priest receives such calls, it is important to first rule out any obvious or rational explanations before proceeding to the realm of the spiritual. On a number of occasions, I have in fact found what was going on, to be situations that could only be resolved by spiritual means. It is also important in such circumstances to find out when and how these problems began. The answer is almost invariably to do with people dabbling in the things of the occult. This includes fortune telling, tarot card reading, visiting or speaking with mediums, playing with Ouija boards etc. All of these things are incredibly dangerous because they open us up to a world of spirits that are not of or from God. We might think that they are a bit of harmless fun, but they are not.

I don't think that anyone who has engaged in these practices is deliberately looking to offend God or call upon demonic influences and are probably just looking for answers and resolution. Why then is the Church so strong in her condemnation of these practices? First of all, if we are looking to anything other than God for help with the present or the future, then we are violating the first commandment. In turning to mediums and other practices, what we are doing is attempting to take into our own hands that which belongs to God alone and just as troublingly, we can place ourselves in great danger. While we might begin with wholesome intentions, these things are nevertheless sins against God and against faith. Our first instinct should be to make amends for this through the sacrament of Confession. Through this beautiful sacrament we experience God's unconditional mercy and forgiveness and importantly, break the bonds of any evil we may have inadvertently become tangled in.

As Catholics we do not need to look into the future because what will be is already safely in the hands of God. Nor do we need to communicate with the dead because in the communion of saints, we believe in friendship that goes beyond the grave. As St Monica said to her son St Augustine just before her death "When I am gone, look for me on the altar during Mass, because that is where Jesus is. Where Jesus is, that is where you will find me."

Whilst discussing occult practices and the supposed comfort that they bring, Bishop John Barres of Rockville wrote: "This peace of mind hinges on the illusion of control, which will inevitably dissipate the next time we encounter loss or uncertainty. Our faith in God, on the other hand, relies on a surrender and this surrender can provide us with a far different, lasting peace. We are not called to make sense of ineffable mysteries such as death; instead we are called to trust God who is pure love. It is not easy to give up our desire for answers, but we will ultimately find far more comfort in entrusting ourselves to our merciful and loving God who died for us and gives us all that we need to find joy with Him in heaven.

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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