



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:

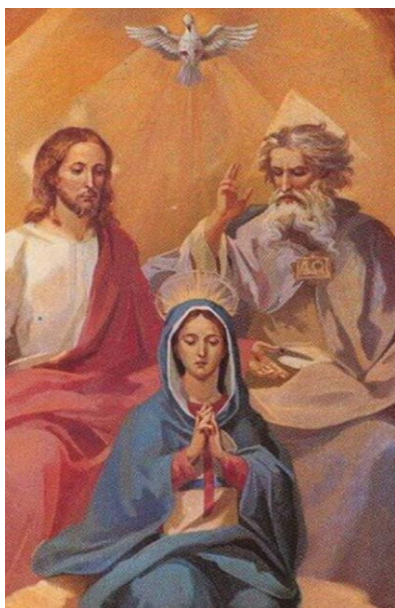
Saturday after 12:15pm Mass

Devotions to the Sacred Heart:

First Friday of the month after
9:30am Mass

Our Lady's Lamp this week burns for:

A 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 4 th JUNE	The Most Holy Trinity	9:30am	St Mary's	Elsie Murphy
		11:00am	St Mary's	Peter Carolan
		1:00pm	St Mary's	Polish Mass
		6:00pm	St Alban's	People of the Parish
MONDAY 5 th	St Boniface	9:30am	St Mary's	Tony Salboduch
TUESDAY 6 th	Feria	9:30am	Alban's	Edith Toolan
	Funeral Service	11:15am	St Mary's	Margaret Warner
WEDNESDAY 7 th	Feria	No Public Mass		
THURSDAY 8 th	St William of York	9:30am	St Alban's	"My Team" Thanksgiving
FRIDAY 9 th	Feria	9:30am	St Mary's	Michael Galvin
SATURDAY 10 th	Feria	9:30am	St Mary's	Maureen Woodhouse
	Wedding Service	12:00 Noon	St Mary's	Andrew Carter & Sarah Lopuszniak

READERS ROTA

THIS SUNDAY

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am	Gabrielle Colleran	9:30am	Rachel Fitzpatrick
11:00am	Kieron Green	11:00am	Lettie Damolo
6:00pm	Richard Siebierski	6:00pm	Paul Coates

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

Michael Conway and all those who have died recently and for Bishop William Gordon, Fr Owen Evans and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SATURDAY WEDDING

This coming Saturday there will be the Wedding Service of Andrew Carter and Sarah Lopuszniak in St Mary's at 12:00 Noon. Consequently, there will be no Exposition or Confession this week. Confessions will still be available at 5:30pm in St Alban's on Sunday. We wish them well as they begin their lives together. Mass on Saturday will instead be celebrated at 9:30am instead of 12:15pm.

PARISH MISSION

Please continue to pray for the success of our forthcoming parish mission (2nd – 7th July) Fr Price has asked me to thank you all for the warm welcome that you gave him last week and has promised to send us more leaflets to distribute to family and friends. 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.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATION MASS

Next Sunday, 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 invited to the Catholic Club for refreshments. The Children are free to dress up in their outfits/dresses/smart clothes. Please come along to encourage and support them.

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.

PARISH LADIES GUILD

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 8th June in St Alban's parish room at 7pm. We have Stuart Atkins, coming to speak to us on 'Life in the music business' having had his own band, working both here and abroad. Stuart has supported many famous people and is a former musical director at Batley variety club. Please feel free to bring a friend or partner, male or female to what is sure to be a very enjoyable evening. Admission £2. Refreshments available.

200 CLUB – MAY DRAW WINNERS

£100 Anne Henry No35 £70 John Greenwood No60 £30 Ellen Smith No3

MASSES RECEIVED

Private Intention x 2, John and Annie Stanton, Christine Mughal and Family,
Angela & Chris H. Intentions, Pavlina Birthday Intentions.

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

There's a great tendency in the world these days to "pass the buck". That is, to always find somebody else to blame, or, to shift the responsibility onto someone or something else, rather than ourselves. We are all guilty of it, which is no surprise when you think about how long it has been going on for. It began in the garden ... Adam blamed Eve and God! When Adam was asked why he sinned, he said "it was on account of the woman you gave me". You see, he did not say his wife, he blamed God, "on account of the woman **you** gave me". Eve blamed the serpent and the buck was passed on. Children blame their parents, people blame their parish priest, parish priests blame their curates, curates blame their parish priests. Psychiatrists blame childhoods and so on and so on ... no one is ever responsible and so the buck is passed on. You might remember on the day that Boris Johnson took office as Prime Minister, he stood outside 10 Downing Street and said as part of his speech "the buck stops here" ... but it didn't though, did it? Where does the passing of the buck, the denial of responsibility stop? At the cross - there it ends.

Our Lord on the cross absorbed all the sins of mankind as if he himself were guilty and as a final act of cruelty, once he had paid the price for sin, they pierced His side with a lance and out, from His sacred heart flowed blood and water. June is a month, dedicated in a very special way to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is an image familiar to us all and one we are asked to give special honour to in the coming days. It is the symbol of a love that conquers sin and transcends death, the symbol of the One who loved us to the end. Love has always been associated with the heart, so it was only natural that the love of God became represented by a heart, the heart of his Son Jesus. In him, God the Father revealed his infinite love for us. On the Friday after the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Church was born from the pierced heart of Jesus on the cross. In the first creation, Eve was born from the side of Adam. In the new creation, the Church was born from the side of Jesus, the water of Baptism and the Blood of the Eucharist. The Bride from the Heart of the Bridegroom.

The Church, born from the pierced heart of Jesus, has a mission in the world to proclaim the redeeming love of God in Christ. This is a great mission. There are many systems of thought and action which seek to construct the human world on the basis of wealth, power, force, science or pleasure. But that's not the way of God. Our mission, our work, is to proclaim love, salvation, redemption and eternal life. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is precisely the image that expresses our mission. It is the image of the infinite and merciful love which the heavenly Father has poured out upon the world through his Son. The goal of all we do in the Church should be to lead people to encounter this love. Only this love, the love of the Heart of Christ, can transform the human heart and bring true peace to the world.

When we truly dedicate ourselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and begin to love as he loves, we stop thinking as the world does. We stop passing the buck and realise that the responsibility for the mission lies with me. This June, let us stop making excuses and shifting the blame on to others and instead love them with the heart of Jesus. When the buck stops with us in all that we do, we become more thoughtful, more loving and more like the Lord.

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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