



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 success of the parish mission



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 2nd JULY	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am	St Mary's	Nicholas Wannan
MISSION WEEK		11:00am	St Mary's	People of the Parish
		1:00pm	St Mary's	Polish Mass
		6:00pm	St Alban's	Hywel Jones (LD)
MONDAY 3 rd	St Thomas, Apostle	9:30am	St Mary's	Oliver Deighton Int.
TUESDAY 4 th	Feria	9:30am	St Mary's	John Cranney
WEDNESDAY 5 th	Feria	9:30am	St Mary's	Birthday Thanksgiving
THURSDAY 6 th	Feria	9:30am	St Mary's	Geraldine Lozarno
	Funeral Service	2:30pm	St Mary's	Paul Bojko
FRIDAY 7 th	Feria	9:30am	St Mary's	Mary and Hugh Kay
SATURDAY 8 th	Feria	12:15pm	St Mary's	Private Intention (JB)

READERS ROTA

THIS SUNDAY

9:30am	Rachel Fitzpatrick
11:00am	Malcolm Brown
6:00pm	Richard Siebierski

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am	John Greenwood
11:00am	Wendy Balahura
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 Paul Bojko and all those who have died recently and for Fr Phillip Wallis and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

COFFEE MORNING – THIS FRIDAY

To mark the end of the parish mission, after the consecration of the parish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus which will take place immediately after Mass on Friday morning, there will a social held in the Catholic Club - starting around 11am. If you are able, please bring so cake or biscuits to share.

VOTIVE CANDLE PRAYER CARDS

There are some new prayer cards on sale next to the votive candles by Our Lady's altar. The cards have a picture of Our Lady's statue on and text that reads "I have lit a candle for you at St Mary's". These can be given as gifts or put inside letters and cards to let family and friends know that you are praying for them. Holy cards are 90p each and the money can be placed in the candle box in the wall.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you require the services of the SVP please call 07512 011 440.
The next meeting is on Tuesday 11th July at 6 pm in St Alban's Parish room.

MASSES RECEIVED

Jan Moska, Mary and Hugh Kay, Jane and Eleonora Zakrzewski

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMY SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE

11am-3pm Saturday 8th July 2023 within the school grounds (weather permitting - indoors if not)

Any volunteers for stalls would be much appreciated and should contact

Ruth Prosser on 07792 441510 or Joanna Binns on 07932 595955.

Or our PTFA email is: ptfa@st-marys-halifax.calderdale.sch.uk

Donations are needed for the bottle stall and tombola (such as unwanted gifts, chocs, etc...) we will also have a toy stall too so any toy donations as well would be good. There will be a box at the back of church for donations or they can be taken directly to school.

PARISH LADIES GUILD

The next meeting of the PLG will be on Thursday 13th July in St Alban's church hall at 7 pm. We have Margaret Squires coming to speak to us about her being a member of the Mackintosh family and the history of our local sweet factory. Open to all members and guests, male or female. A minimum donation of £2 per person will be given to a charity of her choice.

200 CLUB JUNE WINNERS

£100 Ann Griffin No 49

£70 Maria Moska No 92

£30 Janet Wild No 103

WEDNESDAY EVENING ROSARY ZOOM MEETING

From 28th June until 30th August the codes change to:-

Code 738 9925 4104 Password 93RHyb

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

The week of the parish mission is finally upon us and I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to Fr John Hemer and Fr Royston Price who will be celebrating the Masses and preaching today and indeed, leading the mission over the next few days. I am very grateful to them for being with us and I look forward the many blessings and graces that I know we will receive as a parish during the course of the next week.

So what will the Fathers be talking about to us over the next few evenings? They are going to be addressing a wide range of subjects and topics and I think it might be useful to share a few thoughts with you on why each of these subjects is so important.

On Monday, the feast of St Thomas the Apostle, the theme of the mission service will be *Doubting Thomas and our faith*. Faith is a supernatural gift from God that is given to all of us that allows us to believe all that God has revealed about Himself. How we respond to this gift and how we nurture it is up to us. The notion of faith is becoming more and more unfashionable and unpopular in our world today and the sad and detrimental effects of this are obvious to see. This talk will address doubt and faith in a world that is naturally sceptical.

On Tuesday, the theme of the mission service will be *death and eternal life*. Death is, of course, something that will come to us all at some point but it what happens after death that is most important. We have only one life to live and it is the choices that we make during our time on Earth that will determine whether we spend eternity in heaven or hell. This talk will address these topics that are of vital importance to us all.

On Wednesday, the theme of the mission service will be *Our Lady*. It is only right that in this parish, dedicated to the Mother of God, that we spend an evening reflecting on the wonderful gift that the Lord has given us in his Holy Mother. Mary is the first among the saints in heaven and intercedes ceaselessly on our behalf with her divine son. A devoted love of Our Lady is essential for a healthy spiritual life and this talk will explore our relationship with the Queen of Heaven.

On Thursday, the theme of the mission service will be *The Eucharist*. When the bread and wine are consecrated during the Mass, they truly become the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity Our Lord Jesus Christ. This is not a symbol or a sign but a reality that we must never tire of celebrating. The roots of this Sacrament can be traced far back into the Old Testament and this talk will address this central mystery of our Catholic religion.

On Friday, the theme of the mission service will be *The Love of God*. During this month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we will do well to remember that God has created us out of love and for love. The only reason that we exist is to share in the Father's life and to be beacons of His love for others.

Please attend as much of the parish mission as you can and encourage family and friends to come along too. I hope and pray that this will be a time a great growth and renewal for all of us.

God Bless you all,
Fr Hilton

FINANCE

Last week's collection was £807.94 – Thank you for your generosity.

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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