



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:

In thanksgiving 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 9 th JULY	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 11:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Irene & Tomaz Nalepa A & C Hilton Intentions Polish Mass People of the Parish
MONDAY 10 th	Feria	No Public Mass	St Mary's	
TUESDAY 11 th	St Benedict	9:30am	St Mary's	Ligaya Balbalsoa
WEDNESDAY 12 th	Feria	9:30am	St Mary's	Angelina Lanera
THURSDAY 13 th	Feria	9:30am 7:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's	Bryan Greenwood Susan & Teresa
FRIDAY 14 th	Feria	9:30am	St Mary's	John & Annie Stanton
SATURDAY 8 th	St Bonaventure	12:15pm	St Mary's	Malcom Glover

READERS ROTA

THIS SUNDAY

9:30am	John Greenwood
11:00am	Wendy Balahura
6:00pm	Paul Coates

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am	Gabrielle Colleran
11:00am	Barbara Gregson
6:00pm	Judith Macdonald

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 all those who have died recently
and for Fr Cornelius J Kelleher and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MASSES RECEIVED

Lana Hopkins, John & Annie Stanton, Annie Rothery & Rose O'Callaghan, Private Intention (EW), Cath Bentley, Jan & Eleonora Zakrzewski, Jim Duffy, Patrick & Grace Walsh, Private Intention (DF), Bernadette, Anne Smith

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.

GIANNA PROJECT

Many thanks to everyone who so generously donated items to the Gianna Project, the need is greater now than ever. It was as usual a wonderful response from the Parish.
Many thanks to everyone and all the items will be going out to families shortly.

FUNDRAISING NIGHT FOR THE BETHLEHEM CARE HOSPICE TRUST.

We are having a fundraising evening at the Catholic club on Friday 11th August, in aid of the hospice. There will be a quiz, raffle bottle stall and steak pie and peas for supper. Please leave donations for the bottle stall at the back of Church. Tickets cost £5 per person and go on sale next Sunday.
Please support this great cause if you can.

ST MARY'S AND ST ALBAN'S PARISH LADIES GUILD - AN INVITATION

We are a Catholic group of parishioners who meet at St Alban's Church Hall, Huddersfield Road at 7 pm on the second Thursday of each month.

Our aim is to have fun, fellowship, friendship, offer each other support and to raise money to help both the church and any other deserving causes. We have a wide range of ages and we try to embrace a variety of events to appeal to everyone. All meetings begin (and end) with a short prayer before moving onto the business of the evening which may be as follows:

We have quizzes, bingo, celebrations for St Patrick's day and Remembrance Day and we always have a short candlelit carol service at our Christmas meeting before having nibbles and a tippie in the Parish Room. We also have guest speakers at some meetings who have included charitable organisations who we have financially supported plus a lot of fun-themed subjects.

We also have trips out and these have included Saltaire The Playhouse and Civic Theatre Square Chapel
Many of these events are open to everyone – yes, even MEN!

We also try to have a couple of meals out each year.

We have recently voted, and it has been agreed, to invite non-catholic ladies to become associate members. This opens the group up to many more ladies. Why not give us a try – you'll be very welcome – whether a prospective new or former member. If you want to know more, please drop us an e-mail at ourladyplg@gmail.com with your details and we will be more than happy to get in touch.

**COME ON LADIES – WE REALLY DO HAVE FUN – YOU'LL NEVER KNOW UNLESS YOU
GIVE IT A TRY**

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.

THURSDAY EVENING MASS

There will be a “reunion” Mass celebrated this Thursday evening at 7pm in St Mary’s as a follow up to the *Deanery Mission* as organised by Fr Michael Hall. This is not related to last week’s *Parish Mission*.

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Fr Price and Fr Hemer for being with us last week and preaching the parish mission. In all, from last Sunday, they preached 8 sermons and gave 10 separate talks. I know how much time and effort goes into reading for, reflecting on and writing such material and so I am very grateful to them indeed. They also visited some of the housebound of the parish, went into school to talk to the children in years 5 & 6 and heard many, many confessions.

I personally got a lot out of the mission services and talks and I have been delighted by how many people have told me that they have had similar experiences. The Fathers were also very pleased with the number of people who turned out each night in order to participate in the services.

Although I am sure that those who came along to the talks will have learned something new about the faith and perhaps been reminded of things that they had forgotten, the greatest legacy of the mission will undoubtedly be a spiritual one. The number of people who went to confession, the time spent in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the consecration of the parish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus are spiritual treasures that have value for each member of this community. The parish was flooded with divine grace last week, which will have effects long into the future.

One of the results of the mission, I hope, will have been to put new hearts within us and to rekindle in us the fire of God’s love and a zeal for souls. Something that stuck me last week is that spiritual complacency is simply not good enough. There are plenty of people about who will happily tell you that Mass attendance is declining, people no longer understand the faith, devotion has waned and that there is nothing we can do about it. I do not accept that and so long as I am your parish priest I will not allow that mind-set to take hold here.

I saw churches last week full of people hungry for God, thirsting for the scriptures and the teaching of the Church. I saw queues of people seeking mercy and forgiveness in the confessional and others kneeling in worship before our Eucharistic Lord. And all of that took place in this small corner of the Lord’s vineyard, in Halifax. Just think how many more in our own town, parish and families are missing out on these riches. It is your job to bring those people what you, yourself, have received.

Thank God that the mission went so well, but this is only the start of what we have to do.

God Bless you all,
Fr Hilton

RECENT FINANCE

Last week’s collection was **£732.55**. The standing orders for the month of June came to **£1,658**.

Thank you for your generosity.

The repair of the side doors and the painting of the side doors and front doors came to: **£1,940**.

The final cost of restoring the sanctuary lamp was: **£1,600**.

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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