



# THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY, HALIFAX

Incorporating the churches of St Alban and St Mary

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Joshua Hilton

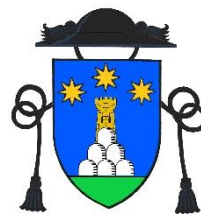
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## MASS SCHEDULE AND DEVOTIONS

### 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:

Maureen Walsh



### 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 24 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 11:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Private Intention Peter Carolan Polish Mass People of the Parish
MONDAY 25 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	9:30am	St Mary's	Fr Peter Ward
TUESDAY 26 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	9:30pm	St Alban's	Parish Dead List
WEDNESDAY 27 <sup>th</sup>	St Vincent de Paul	9:30am 2:15pm	St Mary's School Hall	Sheila Greenwood Private Intention
THURSDAY 28 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	9:30am	St Alban's	Joan Ingham
FRIDAY 29 <sup>th</sup>	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels	No Mass		
SATURDAY 30 <sup>th</sup>	WEDDING (Not Mass)	11:30am	St Mary's	Lukas Husak & Brigita Mizicova

### READERS ROTA

THIS SUNDAY		NEXT SUNDAY	
9:30am	Rachel Fitzpatrick	9:30am	Gabrielle Colleran
11:00am	Katarzina Machinu	11:00am	Jovanna Karuna
6:00pm	Richard Sibierski	6:00pm	Paul Coates

### **PRAYER LIST**

Willie Shaw, David Sutcliffe, Gladys Megson, John Wallis, 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** Valerie Northcott all those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### **NEXT WEEK**

There will be a second collection to help with the purchase of new books for St Mary's School library.

### **MASSES RECEIVED**

Mr & Mrs Hilton Wedding Ann, Edwin & Ellen Walsh, Kitty 'Nan' O'Connell, Ken Akroyd

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

If you require the services of the SVP please call 07512 011 440. We would like to thank all those who support us on a regular basis. Your generosity is very much appreciated..

If anyone would like to support us our bank details are:

Sort Code 60 60 04 Account No 46086137 Account Name CO90901 SS Mary & Alban

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### **ST MARY'S PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWS**

We are looking for volunteers to come into St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy to listen to our children read. Should you be interested please get in touch with the school on 01422 362365 and ask for Mrs Maseela.

### **ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC COLLEGE, HUDDERSFIELD – OPEN EVENING**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 5:00pm to 8:00pm Principal's speeches at 5:30pm and 7:00pm  
Tel. No. 01484 426466 – email: office@aschc.com

### **PARISH LADIES GUILD**

The Parish Ladies Guild are hosting an Afternoon Tea on Saturday 18th November 2-4pm at the Halifax Catholic Club. £8 per person. As seating is limited, tickets will have to be purchased before the event. They will be on sale soon, but if you wish to reserve tickets, then please could you send an email stating your name, contact details and number of tickets required to  
ourladypg@gmail.com

### **200 CLUB – AUGUST WINNERS**

£100 Ann Carolan No 109 £70 Jeanette Roberts No 39 £30 John Mullan No18

### **RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS**

Last week's collection was £844.67

The second collection was £190.57

Thank you so much for your ongoing generosity.

### **FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST**

Some thoughts on learning how to pray:

#### **1. Make prayer a habit**

We very rarely have to be reminded to eat, drink or sleep. They are part of our daily routines. We do them out of habit. We always make sure there is time to do them each day because we don't want to go without them. Prayer should be something special because it is time spent with someone important to us, not because it is something rare. If you want your friendship with God to grow, you need to spend time with him. Make a routine and form habits of praying at set times. Put prayer first so that it doesn't get forgotten. Form a habit, and you won't have to spend time thinking about praying every time you want to pray.

#### **2. Walk before you run**

If your prayer time is going to fit into your routine, it has to be short enough to fit into your timetable. It is much better to have a short but regular time of prayer than to spend hours trying to catch up. Many people take on too much when they begin to pray, like someone beginning a new exercise routine with a marathon. But when they can't keep up their new routine, they give up all together. Start slowly—walk before you run—and once you form a habit of praying regularly, your time of prayer can grow naturally.

#### **3. Prepare a place**

It's easy to get distracted from prayer, so a great help in forming good prayer habits is to have a place for prayer where you can focus on God. You don't need to build a chapel: it might be a particular part of your bedroom where you always pray. A crucifix or some other holy image can also help to focus on God. Don't be put off by distractions. If there's something you can't help thinking about, turn it into a prayer by bringing it before God. He'll know what to do with it.

#### **4. Pray as you can**

Everyone is different, and so is the best way for them to pray. Find ways of prayer that suit you. Some people prefer to speak to God in their own words, others like to use prayers written down by other people. There are different kinds of silent prayer: St Francis de Sales and St Ignatius Loyola are both examples of good teachers. You might say the Rosary every day, or recite the psalms in the Divine Office. There are short 'arrow' prayers (like just saying 'Jesus have mercy on ') that you can use to 'shoot' up to heaven. Sometimes it is good just to be still and quiet in God's presence, and enjoy his company. Try different ways of praying, then stick to what works. Pray as you can, don't try to pray as you can't.

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](mailto:jbcoates@btinternet.com)) again by Wednesday evening. The Parish Safeguarding Representative is Clare O'Neill (07792147620 [psr.coneill@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:psr.coneill@dioceseofleeds.org.uk))  
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