



# THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY, HALIFAX

Incorporating the churches of St Alban and St Mary

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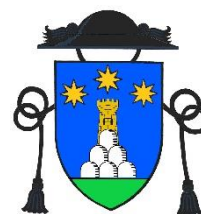
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## MASS SCHEDULE AND DEVOTIONS

### 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:

For Peace in the Holy Land



### 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 5 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER	31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 11:00am 1:30pm 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Ellen Grehan Thanksgiving Santosh K. Polish Mass People of the Parish
MONDAY 6 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	No Mass		
TUESDAY 7 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	7:00pm	St Alban's	Marjorie & Gordon Ellis
WEDNESDAY 8 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	9:30am	St Mary's	Parish Dead List
THURSDAY 9 <sup>th</sup>	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	10:00am (School)	St Mary's	Yorkshire Brethren
FRIDAY 10 <sup>th</sup>	St Leo the Great, Pope	9:30am	St Mary's	Parish Dead List
SATURDAY 11 <sup>th</sup>	St Martin of Tours	12:15pm	St Mary's	Parish Dead List

## READERS ROTA

THIS SUNDAY		NEXT SUNDAY	
9:30am	Rachel Fitzpatrick	9:30am	Gabrielle Colleran
11:00am	Malcolm Brown	11:00am	Wendy Balahura
6:00pm	Judith Macdonald	6:00pm	Bernard Corcoran

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** John Lunt and all those who have died recently and for John Carmel Cardinal Heenan and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**PRAYER LIST**

Gerard James, Christine Blackburn, 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.

**MASSES RECEIVED**

Ellen Lonergan, Catherine Lopusziak, Thanksgiving Santosh, Swarna & Shrayan, Thanksgiving Sohan Exam Results, Tony Lennon, Wilfred, Winifred & Francis Coates, Susan Coates, Fr John Britto, Bernadette Cooke, Irene & Thomas Nalepa, Birthday Thanksgiving and Blessings, Kevin Costello

The **ANNUAL CEMETERY SERVICE** will take place at Stoney Royd Cemetery **TODAY** at 3:00p.m. Please meet at the Cemetery gates.

**PARISH REQUIEM** On Thursday 16th of November there will be a special Mass offered for the deceased members of the parish. This will take place at St Mary's at 7:00pm and all are warmly invited to attend. You are welcome to bring a framed photograph of your loved ones to be placed on the sanctuary during the Mass. This will be an opportunity to come together as a parish, to remember our family and friends who have died and to pray for their eternal rest.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Parish Christmas party at Bertie's Crystal Ballroom in Elland on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. The evening includes a three course meal and dancing. Tickets will be £35 per head. Tickets on sale now.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** -If you require the services of the SVP please call 07512 011 440.

**A DAY FOR ALICE**

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of November, the staff and pupils at St Mary's will be taking time to celebrate the life of a much loved pupil, Alice Williams. 'A Day For Alice' will be held in school and is an opportunity for our school community to remember Alice and all of the things she enjoyed.

The day is also an opportunity for our school to raise money for a shelter to be built in the Key Stage 2 playground in memory of Alice.

In order to help our school community succeed in their fundraising efforts, on **Sunday 19th November**, there will be a special collection after all three Masses, organised by pupils from St Mary's. Donation boxes will be available both before and after Masses.

Please give as generously as you can to show our Parish's love and support for Alice's friends and family.

**HALIFAX CATHOLIC MEMORIAL CLUB** – On Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup>, Club members will be attending the 11am Mass for Remembrance Sunday. Refreshments in the Club after Mass. All welcome. And on 11th November - Chris Williams, "The Flying Scotsman". (Music and comedy)

The next meeting of the **PARISH LADIES GUILD** will be this Thursday 9th November at 7pm in St Alban's parish room. It will be an evening of nostalgia. If possible please wear an item of red clothing and a poppy.

**ST MARY'S ACADEMY PTFA NEWS** Our Christmas Fayre will be Friday 8th Dec to be held at the school starting at 3.30pm at the end of the school day and finishing around 5.30pm/6pm. Donations for the chocolate tombola, bottle stall, cake stall and bric-a-brac/Christmas gift tombola all welcome. If anyone would like to volunteer for a stall too that would be greatly appreciated. You can contact the school PTFA via email: [PTFA@st-marys-halifax.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:PTFA@st-marys-halifax.calderdale.sch.uk) or Joanna Binns on 07932 595955

### **200 CLUB – OCTOBER WINNERS**

£100 Josie Brennan No118   £70 Julia Anderson   £30 John Greenwood No 60  
If you are a 6 monthly subscriber to the 200 Club your subscription is now due

**RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS** - Last week's loose collection was: **£773.07**

### **FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST**

On Thursday of this week, the Church celebrates the rather obscure feast day of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. On this day, in the year 324, Pope Saint Sylvester consecrated his new church on the site of the Lateran palace in Rome, given to him by the Emperor Constantine. It might well be one of those feast days we find it hard to get excited about. As inspiring as the church building itself may be to pray in (should you be lucky enough to find yourself there in person), the consecration of a church seems somehow less interesting than the holy men and women whose feast days we are more used to celebrating.

The full title of the church whose consecration we remember on this day is: *'The Major Papal, Patriarchal and Roman Archbasilica Cathedral of the Most Holy Saviour and Saints John the Baptist and the Evangelist in Lateran, Mother and Head of All Churches in Rome and in the World.'* It receives that rather grand title because this church is the Pope's cathedral. And this is the main reason we celebrate today's anniversary. Just as we celebrate the consecration of our own cathedral in Leeds to show our unity with the Bishop and the local church, so we celebrate the consecration of the Pope's cathedral in Rome to show our unity with the successor of St Peter and the church of Rome, and thus also with the universal Church.

As in all cathedrals, one of the most important objects is the cathedra, the bishop's (or in this case, the Pope's) throne. It is a sign of his teaching authority. And this particular cathedra represents the Pope's authority and duty to teach not just his own diocese of Rome, but the Church all over the world. This is an awesome responsibility, which is why it is so important to keep the Pope in our prayers, especially the current Pope, who is so sorely in need of them.

There are some other slightly more unique objects in the Lateran that say something about our Catholic faith. Above the altar are housed the heads of St Peter and St Paul. They are there as a witness. They proclaim that this is how the faith reached this city of Rome, from which it spread to the whole world. It was the work of those men, a former fisherman and a former pharisee, that brought the Gospel preached by Christ to the capital of the ancient empire. These are not the heads of mythical heroes, but of historical figures, who introduced the world to Christ the Saviour.

Slightly more obscure is another relic of St Peter housed in the basilica. It's not a part of his body, but a wooden table said to be the altar on which he and his successors celebrated Mass. There is very little modern information available about St Peter's altar. Perhaps people are embarrassed to talk about it in case it turns out that it isn't really that old. Although, St Peter would have said Mass, and it is not so unlikely that the church in Rome might have preserved and continued to use the altar on which he did so. Whether truly historic or merely symbolic, the Lateran altar is a reminder that St Peter was above all, first and foremost, a priest. This reminds us that it is through the continuous celebration of the Mass that the Church has always made Christ present to the world from the earliest times and continues to make Him present today here in Halifax.

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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