



THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY, HALIFAX

Incorporating the churches of St Alban and St Mary

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Joshua Hilton

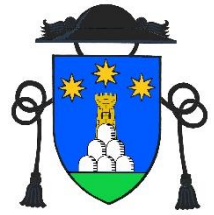
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MASS SCHEDULE AND DEVOTIONS

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:

Alfie George &
Isla Rose



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 28 th JANUARY	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 11:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	People of the Parish Fretty Jacob Polish Mass Philipa Collins RIP
MONDAY 29 th	Feria	No Public Mass		
TUESDAY 30 th	Feria	7:00pm	St Alban's	Nathaniel Smyth
WEDNESDAY 31 st	St John Bosco	9:30am	St Mary's	Nicholas Wannan (A)
THURSDAY 1 st FEBRUARY	Feria	10:00am (School)	St Mary's	Fred & Eileen Greenwood
FRIDAY 2 nd	The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)	9:30am	St Mary's	Lily Black RIP
SATURDAY 3 rd	Memoria of the B.V.M	12:15pm	St Mary's	Mgr Seamus Kilbane

READERS ROTA

THIS SUNDAY		NEXT SUNDAY	
9:30am	Isaac Mellor	9:30am	Rachel Fitzpatrick
11:00am	Barbara Gregson	11:00am	Katarzina Machinu
6:00pm	Paul Coates	6:00pm	Judith Mc Donald

PRAYER LIST Gerard James, 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, 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 Michelina Keris, Winne Birtwistle, Maureen Conway and all who have died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time

MASSES RECEIVED:

Phillipa Collins RIP, Paul Gray RIP, Alan Ingle, Denis Smyth, Pearl Hiley RIP, Paul Connolly, Peter Carolan, Mary, Tom & Leo Dolly

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

Last week's loose collection was: **£534.94**
The standing orders for the month of December came to: **£1904**

PARISH TRIP TO LIVERPOOL

The coach will leave St Mary's at **8:50am** picking up at St Alban's and taking us over to Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, where we will celebrate Mass at 11am. Again, there will be free time for lunch/shopping/sightseeing after Mass and the coach will return to Halifax at about 4pm. The price will be £20 per person and a sign up-sheet is available at the back of church. Monies to be paid ASAP. Although the coach will take us from the Cathedral to the Royal Albert Dock, please be mindful that the day will involve walking.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you require the services of the SVP please call 07512 011 440.
If anyone would like to donate the Sort Code and Account Number are - 60-60-04 086137
The next meeting will be **this Monday 29th January** at 6:00 p.m. at St Alban's.

HAPPY DAYS FOOD BANK

Next Sunday is the first in the month and our normal day for donations of Foodstuffs and Domestic Products to the Food Bank. Items can be left at back of church.

WEDNESDAY 7:00PM ROSARY ZOOM MEETING

The new codes for the Rosary Zoom are 740 7857 3207 and Password: bDP5ES

COME AND SEE PRAYER GROUP

Mission Halifax invite you to 'Come and See' – a monthly prayer group. Adoration, praise & worship, prayer and opportunity for a social time following. All welcome. Friday 9 February, 7pm, St Patricks Church, Elland, HX5 0PU

PARISH LADIES GUILD

On Saturday 13th April at 7:30pm, the Parish Ladies Guild are hosting a **PARISH QUIZ** at the Catholic Club. This is for all parishioners, their families and friends. Tickets will be ready soon and will be limited due to the club's seating capacity. You can, however, reserve seats beforehand if you let Jean, Maureen, Liz or Ross know and give them your details. If you have already reserved them, then you do not need to do it again. More details to follow in the next few weeks.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION/CANDLEMAS

This Friday (2nd Feb) we celebrate the feast of Candlemas, as is tradition, the candles that will be used in church over the coming year will be blessed before the start of the procession. If you have candles at home that you would like to be blessed, please bring them to Mass on Friday morning.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Due to some ridiculous new regulations hospital chaplains are no longer given the names and religions of any patient unless they are dying. If a friend or relative is admitted to either Huddersfield or Calderdale please let me know directly (inc. ward and bed no) or contact Deacon Andrew Philips on 07986537430

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

I said last week that I'd be looking over the next few bulletins at the cardinal virtues, this week I was going to consider the virtue of 'charity' or love, but something important has come up and so we will return to that next week. - Given the new procedures at the hospital, whereby chaplains are no longer given the names and religions of any patient unless they are imminently dying, it made me think that I ought to stress the importance of letting me, or another member of the clergy know that a friend or loved one has been admitted, just to make doubly sure that they don't slip through the cracks and miss out on a visit from a priest should they want one.

This leads me onto another important point, the sacrament of the sick and the last rites. As you all know, the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is administered during periods of illness - often near the time of death - in order to bring the person receiving it spiritual and physical strength. As a sacrament (an outward sign of something internal), it is performed to give God's grace, through the Holy Spirit at a time when a person needs it most.

When someone is approaching the point of death, the commendation of the dying is offered in addition to the sacrament. This includes the sacrament of penance and the apostolic pardon, the full pardon and remission of all sins and the granting of a plenary indulgence. This is such a superb grace to receive before departing this life and going to face God's judgment. The last rites/sacraments are a wonderful comfort and consolation to those who receive them but also to the family and friends of the person who is dying – to know that their loved one will enter into eternity fortified by the rites of the Church.

There is a bit of a habit these days to leave calling the priest to the bed of a dying person until the very last minute, which of course, is fine, better last minute than never, but I really would encourage all of you, when thinking about yourselves or a loved one, to ensure that the sacraments are received in good time so as to prepare for any unexpected deteriorations in health. – I often hear people say that they don't want to call for the priest just yet in order to avoid frightening the person or because it is too upsetting to face. This couldn't be further from the truth. I received the last rites myself as a teenager suffering from meningitis and frequently now impart them as a priest and so have a view from both perspectives. The reassurance and peace that the sacraments bring at the most difficult times is truly one of the great treasures of our faith and making sure that they are received is one of the greatest acts of love (or charity) that we can perform for those who are dear to us.

Please talk about these things with your nearest and dearest, so that when the time comes you will know what to do and make the right decisions. Remember, when you make the call, the priest will come immediately day or night. Don't ever hesitate to ask.

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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