



# THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY, HALIFAX

Incorporating the churches of St Alban and St Mary

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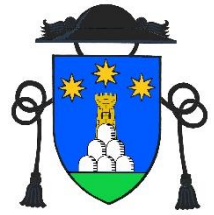
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## MASS SCHEDULE AND DEVOTIONS

### 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:

Alice Mulroy



### 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 14 <sup>th</sup> APRIL	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	9:30am 11:00am 2:00pm 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Nicholas Wannan RIP Peter Carolan RIP Polish Mass People of the Parish
MONDAY 15 <sup>th</sup>	Easter	No Public Mass		
TUESDAY 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>REQUIEM</b>	<b>12:15pm</b>	<b>St Alban's</b>	<b>Hugh Cully</b>
WEDNESDAY 17 <sup>th</sup>	Easter	9:30am	St Mary's	Victor Toolan RIP
THURSDAY 18 <sup>th</sup>	Easter	10:00am (School)	St Mary's	Nancy Burns RIP
FRIDAY 19 <sup>th</sup>	Easter	9:30am	St Mary's	Anne Hodgson RIP
SATURDAY 20 <sup>th</sup>	Easter	12:15pm	St Mary's	Maureen Battersby RIP

### READERS ROTA

THIS SUNDAY		NEXT SUNDAY	
9:30am	Gabrielle Colleran	9:30am	John Greenwood
11:00am	Barbara Gregson	11:00am	Katarzina Machinu
6:00pm	Bernard Corcoran	6:00pm	Richard Siebierski

**PRAYER LIST** Angela Payne, David Stanton, Gerard James, David Sutcliffe, Gladys Megson, John Wallis, William Long, Sonya Box, Julie Simpson, Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Peter Smith, Julie Hall, Larry Byrne, Kathleen Hannan, Nancy McGrath, Eleanor Foran, Rita Baxendale 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 visit can be arranged.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Josephine Milner and Graham Ogilvie who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**MASSES RECEIVED:**

Timothy Hayes, Elizabeth and Lucy Noble, Maureen Battersby, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Thanksgiving (HD), Rose Marie/Annie/Ken Rothery Birthday Memorial, Denise Whitworth, Florence O'Sullivan

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Date of next meeting - Tuesday, 30th April 6 p.m. in St Alban's Parish Room

If you require the services of the SVP please call 07512 011 440.

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

**MISSE RED BOXES**

If you have a red Misso box at home, please bring them to church over the next two weeks for emptying and counting. Thank you.

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF CALDERDALE**

A special celebration to mark the 50th anniversary of the creation of Calderdale will be held at Halifax Minster this Wednesday, 17th April, at 12.30pm. All welcome

**EASTER HOUSE BLESSINGS**

I will be offering traditional Easter House Blessings with the new Easter water blessed at the Vigil. This can take place any time between Easter Sunday and Ascension Thursday. Please send your details to [office.stmary.halifax@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:office.stmary.halifax@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) or call the presbytery on 01422 352141 to arrange a mutually convenient time.

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND**

Next week is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day throughout the whole world when the church prays for vocations to the priesthood and for those already in training for Holy Orders. There will be a second collection next Sunday to support this vital work in our diocese.

**BOOK SALE NEXT WEEK**

After both morning Masses next Sunday the Ladies Guild will be holding a book sale at the back of St Mary's. The books are from the library in the parish room at St Alban's and are a mixture of religious, novels and nonfiction books. Prices will be 50p for paperbacks and £1 for hardbacks.

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE**

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, there will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral at 12 noon for couples and their families celebrating their 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. There will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows during the liturgy with the Bishop. If you are celebrating the anniversary of your wedding and you would like to take part in this celebration, please fill out the application form which is available at the back of church.

### **RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS**

Last week's loose collection was **£567.43** Total Approx. **£1,112.43**

Standing orders for March totalled **£2,031**

### **FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST**

On Tuesday evening, we had a wonderful celebration when Bishop Stock came and instituted Paul Coates as an acolyte during Mass. As I mentioned last week, the ministry of acolyte is one of the minor orders that is a steppingstone on the way to ordination as a Deacon and Priest. In light of this, a few people have asked me recently what the difference between a deacon and a priest is and so I will explain a little bit about the sacrament of Holy Orders.

The sacrament of Holy Orders, or ordination, is one of the seven sacraments instituted by our Lord through which God continues to care for and provide for His church. While it is true that all members of the Church participate in the "priesthood of the baptised" (the word 'priest' means someone who offers sacrifice, and all people who have been baptised are called to offer the sacrifice of prayer and praise), some men are called to serve Our Lord and the Church today in the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Through the leadership of the Bishops, they help continue the Lord's work and are successors to the Apostles.

Those who are called to be priests are ordained through the Rite of Ordination. In celebrating this Rite, men receive a permanent spiritual mark, called a character, signifying that they represent Jesus' presence in the Church. There are three levels of participation in the Sacrament of Holy Orders: as a bishop, as a priest, and as a deacon. A bishop receives the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. He is the head of the local church and the area entrusted to him is called a diocese. A bishop is also a member of the episcopal college: this is all the bishops who, together with the pope, guide and govern the Church.

The three levels of the sacrament have to be received in a certain order. To be ordained a Bishop, one must first have been ordained a priest and a deacon. And likewise, to be ordained a priest one must have been ordained a deacon first. Deacons help and assist bishops by serving the needs of the Church, proclaiming the gospel, teaching and preaching, baptising, witnessing marriages, and assisting the priest at Mass and other liturgies. There are, however, two types of Deacon, transitional deacons who are ordained as part of their journey towards the priesthood, who remain celibate. And permanent deacons who can be chosen from among married men, who do not go on to be ordained as priests. The most noticeable difference you might see on a day-to-day level, is that only bishops and priests can absolve sins in confession, celebrate the Mass and administer the anointing of the sick and last rites to the dying.

The vestment that the Deacon wears at Mass is different from the priest's chasuble. The main difference comes down to sleeves. A chasuble does not have sleeves and is open-sided. A dalmatic has sleeves. The dalmatic has its roots in ancient Roman dress and was adopted by the Church in the Middle-Ages as the liturgical vestment for the deacon. In the early church, deacons would be responsible for the finances of churches and legend has it that many would keep money hidden in their sleeves to hand out to the poor. I am not sure how historically accurate that it is but I like the sentiment.

The role of the Deacon in preaching at mass, visiting the sick, baptising children, officiating at wedding and funeral services is a huge help and support to any priest and we will be very fortunate to soon have two deacons here in this parish. Let us continue to pray for Paul as he spends these last few months preparing for his ordination and for Deacon John that he will continue to exercise his ministry among us with dedication and love.

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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