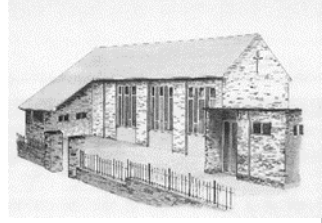




ST MARY & ST ALBAN HALIFAX



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THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3RD MARCH 2019

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Day	Time	Church	Intention
Sunday 3rd March	9.30am	St. Alban's	Susan Coates
	11.00am	St Mary's	Austin Mackrill
	1.00pm	St Mary's	Polish Mass
	6:00p.m.	St Alban's	For the Parish
Monday 4th	11:00a.m.	St Alban's	Requiem Mass for Bernard Parkin
Tuesday 5th	7:00p.m.	St Alban's	Annie Raney
ASH WEDNESDAY 6th	10:00a.m.	St Mary's	Josie Griffin
	12:15p.m.	St Mary's	Dead List
	7:00p.m.	St Alban's	DeadList
Thursday 7th	10:00a.m.	St Alban's	2 Children
Friday 8th	9:00a.m.	St Mary's	Thomas Ward
Saturday 9th	12.15pm	St Mary's	Fran and Louise Pollard

**Please pray for all those who have died recently
and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

Prayer List

James Earley, Fawzia Mohamed, Diana Freeborn, Joe McGoverin, Mandy Randall, David Burrows, William Long, Sonya Box, Julie Simpson, Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Knapton, Peter Carolan, Peter Smith, Anne Griffiths, David Hopkinson, Julie Hall, Dorothy Pickles, Moya Andrew, Tony Lennon, Suzanne Peaker, Rose Marie Rothery, Alexander Johnston, Larry Byrne, Eddie Casey, Bernard Corcoran, Winnie Whelan, Kathleen Hannan, Nancy McGrath, Eleanor Foran, Maureen Colleran, Pat and John Reynolds and all the sick and housebound of the parish, their families and those who care for them.

Feasts of the Week

Monday : St Casimir

Tuesday : Weekday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday : ASH WEDNESDAY

Thursday to Saturday are Days after Ash Wednesday.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday: 11.00am - Noon at St Mary's dedicated to praying for vocations to the priesthood.

Wednesday at St. Alban's from 7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Anyone wishing to have an intention prayed for at this Exposition can ring 01422-346439 or e-mail it to jmc.greenwood@talktalk.net

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 11.00am - 12noon St Mary's

Sunday: 5.15pm - 5.45pm St Alban's

Your Offerings Weekly Offering:

February 24th—£971.06

Thank you for your generosity.

The Retiring Collection to assist the Diocesan response to the

Refugee Crisis raised £1702.28

Next Sunday there will be a Retiring Collection as part of the White Flower Appeal for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.

Masses Received:

Lina Hopkins & Rita Britton,
Frank Benson, Josie Griffin,
Brian Diggins, Thomas Ward,
Fred Greenwood, Chris Colleran.

LENT 2019

Please do your very best to keep the Holy Season of Lent as well as possible. Receive the ashes on Ash Wednesday and make a firm resolution to do something throughout the season by way of **PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING.**

Here are some suggestions:-

PRAYER Say the Rosary daily, go to weekday Mass, attend Exposition, attend the Stations of the Cross.

Do some spiritual reading (have a look at the pamphlet racks and libraries at the back of church).

FASTING Give up a regular meal (one lunch or supper a week). Decide on something to give up for the whole of Lent.

ALMSGIVING Decide on some charitable cause and make a real sacrificial gift to it.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION DURING LENT

St Mary's - On Fridays at 7:30p.m. **St Alban's** - On Wednesdays at 7:30p.m.

ALSO please note that Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the time for making your **EASTER DUTIES.**

Every Catholic should try to go to Confession and Holy Communion before Trinity Sunday.

EUCCHARISTIC

MINISTERS 3RD MARCH

9:30 BRENDA BIGGINS

11:00 ELA RIBAK AND

MONIKA REBECH

6:00 G MCCORMACK

10TH MARCH

9:30 JOHN GREENWOOD

11:00 MARIA GRIFFIN

6:00 G MCCORMACK

READERS 3RD MARCH

9:30 STUART HAIGH

11:00 DAVID STANTON

6:00 TONY WANNAN

10TH MARCH

9:30 BERNARD CORCORAN

11:00 MALVINA KARUNA

6:00 KIERON GREEN

CONFIRMATION 2019

CONGRATULATIONS to those members of our Parish and the Deanery who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Wednesday. Please continue to pray for them, their families and sponsors.

Thank you to those who helped prepare those Confirmed.

FIRST CONFESSION 2019:

Will take place on Saturday 9th March at 2:00p.m.

at St Bernard's. Please pray for all those young children who will be receiving the Sacrament for the first time.

HALIFAX DEANERY MARRIAGE

PREPARATION COURSE

The Marriage Preparation Course will include three sessions and will take place on April 28th, May 5th and May 12th at St Mary's Presbytery at 12:15 (just after 11:00a.m. Mass). It is important that any engaged couple who intend to marry this year will need to attend all three sessions.

If you wish to take part please contact Deacon John Walsh on 07774857016.

PARISH PIGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Tuesday 7th May to Friday 10th May.

Accommodation costs will be £173.05 per person and transport will be £55 per person based on a party of twenty people.

A deposit of £30 per person is required by Sunday 3rd March.

To book a place please contact Joan Smith on 01422 365427 or 07540111271.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

HOW CAN THE SVP HELP YOU?

Come to our next meeting at 7:30p.m. at St Alban's this Tuesday 5th March. Enjoy a cup of tea and a chat with us.

Anyone who needs to get in touch with the SVP in the parish can now call 07512 011 440.

OVER 60'S:

Next meeting will be this Wednesday 27th February at 2:00p.m. at St Alban's.

MISSIO (RED MISSION BOXES)

The sum of £1411.68 was collected in 2018 by our Parish.

God Bless you all and thank you for your generosity.

ALPHA COURSE

We meet up every Friday at 7.30pm in St Mary's Hall by the Church. If you need more info please ring Ewa Pietka on 07925953996 .

REFRESHMENTS

There will be Tea, Coffee, Juice and Biscuits after 9:30 Mass TO-DAY.

AN EARLY DAY MOTION CALLING FOR AN END TO

DAILY PRAYERS IN PARLIAMENT

at the start of business has been tabled by Crispin Blunt MP. The prayer is that MPs "lay aside all private interests, prejudices and partial affections" and strive for "the public welfare, peace and tranquillity of the realm and for the uniting and knitting together of the hearts of all persons". This prayer has been said daily by the Speaker's chaplain before every sitting of the House of Commons since 1661. (The wording was updated in 1997).

A petition has been drawn up to keep the daily prayers. Please sign it: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/237423/> and pray for the preservation of Christian prayer in the House of Commons, in keeping with the Christian foundations of our Parliament and government.

MOTHERS PRAYERS:

Mother's Prayers founded in 1995 is a prayer group where mothers both physical and spiritual come together to worship, share and above all pray for their children. Would you like to know more? Please contact Gaye Coleran or say a decade of the Rosary each day for the success of this excellent venture..

HALIFAX FOOD AND SUPPORT DROP IN

(Formerly EBENEZER)

TODAY is our day for donations to the Food and Support Drop In.

WALKING TO FITNESS

Every Friday at 10:30a.m. in St Mary's Parish Hall. £2 per session

£100,000 CHALLENGE

200 Club February Winning Numbers
£100—No 57 £70—No 98 £30—No 72

"The Smartie Challenge"

Tubes of Smarties will be available after Sunday Masses to those wishing to participate. You may enjoy the Smarties before filling up the tubes with the coins of your choice (5p, 10p, 20p or £1). The tubes of coins should be returned to Church as soon as possible after Easter Saturday.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued support.

PARISH LADIES GUILD

Thursday 14 March "An evening with David Glover"

David will give a talk with visuals about "Old Halifax ". To be held in St Mary's church hall. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start.

This is a ticketed event. Tickets are available after both Sunday morning Masses. Members £1, Non members £3.50. Raffle, mini bar and light supper.

PLG Fashion Show

Friday 12 April. To be held in St Mary's church hall by Heather from Chainreaction. Consisting of Women's clothing and accessories which may be purchased at the end of the show.

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Tickets are available after both Sunday morning Masses

£5.00 each. Mini bar and raffle.

To reserve tickets for either event please phone

Jean 07453639567 or Maureen 07790681770 .

The Ladies Guild are asking for donations of bottles of wine, Prosecco, beer or lager to sell at our fundraising events.

Mass Offerings, Notices and News Items for the Parish Bulletin should be given to Fr Martin or Deacon John by Wednesday evening at the latest. Notices and News Items but not Mass Intentions can be sent to John Coates (01422 360469 or jbcoates@btinternet.com) again by Wednesday evening.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer is Caroline Walsh (01422 241345) Leeds Diocese Charity Registration No. 249404