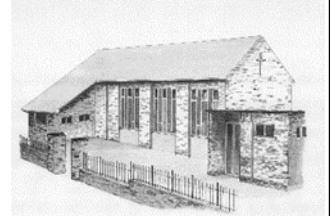


# ST MARY & ST ALBAN HALIFAX



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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**22ND DECEMBER 2019**  
**THE HOLY FAMILY**  
**29TH DECEMBER 2019**



### Feasts Days

26th December—St Stephen  
27th December—St John the Apostle  
28th December—The Holy Innocents  
1st—Mary, The Holy Mother of God

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Day	Time	Church	Intention
Sunday	9.30am	St. Alban's	Sheila Greenwood
22nd December	11.00am	St Mary's	Mgr Anthony Bickerstaffe (YB)
	1.00pm	St Mary's	Polish Mass
	6:00p.m.	St Alban's	For the Parish
Monday 23rd	No Mass	Today	
Tuesday 24th	<b>10:00a.m.</b>	St Alban's	2 Children
Christmas Masses	<b>5:00p.m.</b>	St Mary's	Deceased Members of The Moska and Roberto Families
	<b>7:00p.m.</b>	St Alban's	Private Intention
Wednesday 25th	9:30a.m.	St Alban's	James Geraghty
Christmas Day	11:00a.m.	St Mary's	Alessandro, Gabrielle and Armando Pietratuono
Thursday 26th	10:00a.m.	St Alban's	Marjorie Blackburn
Friday 27th	9:00a.m.	St Mary's	The Tate and Noble Families
Saturday 28th	12:15p.m.	St Mary's	Eddie and Mary Coates
Sunday 29th	9:30a.m.	St Alban's	The Durkin Family
	11:00a.m.	St Mary's	Sarah Johnston
	6:00p.m.	St Alban's	For the Parish
Monday 30th	No Mass Today		
Tuesday 31st	10:00a.m.	St Alban's	Elsie Ward
Wednesday 1st January 2020	12 Noon	St Mary's	James Geraghty
Thursday 2nd	10:00a.m.	St Alban's	Leyland Smith
Friday 3rd	9:00a.m.	St Mary's	The Ellis Family
Saturday 4th	12:15p.m.	St Mary's	Private Intention

### 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](mailto:jmc.greenwood@talktalk.net)

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Saturday:** 11:00a.m. to 12 Noon at St Mary's  
**Sunday:** 5.15pm - 5.45pm at St Alban's

### YOUR OFFERINGS

December 15th Offertory—£899.59  
Christmas Flowers—£264.52

**Please remember that your Christmas Day Offering is your Christmas gift to our Parish Priest**

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**22ND DECEMBER**  
9:30 JOHN GREENWOOD  
11:00 NUALA AND KAYLEIGH SMITH  
6:00 G MCCORMACK

**29TH DECEMBER**  
9:30 JOHN GREENWOOD  
11:00 MARIA GRIFFIN  
6:00 G MCCORMACK

**5TH JANUARY**  
9:30 BRENDA BIGGINS  
11:00 ELA RIBAK AND MONIKA REBECH  
6:00 G MCCORMACK

### READERS

**22ND DECEMBER**  
9:30 JOHN GREENWOOD  
11:00 TIM WIDDOP  
6:00 JOHN GRANT

**29TH DECEMBER**  
9:30 STUART HAIGH  
11:00 MALCOLM BROWN  
6:00 JUDITH MCDONALD

**5TH JANUARY**  
9:30 JOHN MULLAN  
11:00 KEN ROTHERY  
6:00 TONY WANNAN

Please pray for all those who have died recently and for **Bishop John Briggs, Fr Cyril Roddy, Fr Francis Carroll, Fr John Rutledge** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Details of all Christmas Masses and Services, throughout the Deanery, are at the back of Church.**

### **PRAYER LIST**

Millie Haigh, Helena LeMoignan, David Murphy, Mark McBride, Peter Fekete, Marcella O'Callahan, Fawzia Mohamed, David Burrows, William Long, Sonya Box, Julie Simpson, Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Knapton, Peter Carolan, Peter Smith, David Hopkinson, Julie Hall, Moya Andrew, Tony Lennon, Suzanne Peaker, Rose Marie Rothery, Larry Byrne, Eddie Casey, Winnie Whelan, Kathleen Hannan, Nancy McGrath, Eleanor Foran, Maureen Collieran, Pat Reynolds and all the sick and housebound of the parish, their families and those who care for them.

### **MASSES RECEIVED**

Liz Connolly, Annie Raney, Patrick Raney, James Raney, Sabina Raney, Sheila Clewey, Mark Salmons, Gary Goodrick, Durkin Family, Margaret Binns, Elsie Ward, Tom, Elsie & Peter Ward, Nat & Anne Smyth, Frances Barry.

### **SUNDAY EVENING MASS**

The consultation on changing the time of the Sunday Evening Mass has been completed. 40 votes for no change and 17 votes for times other than 6:00p.m. were received. The Mass time will therefore stay at 6:00p.m.

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER**

#### **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

January 18th to 25th 2020

Services at 12 noon followed by soup lunch.

Thursday Jan 23rd at St Andrew's with St Mark's and

Friday Jan 24th at All Saints' with St Alban's.

### **GIANNI PROJECT**

There are baskets for baby goods and clothing at the back of church.

### **MOTHERS PRAYERS**

The next meeting of the Mothers Prayers Group will be at 7p.m. at St Alban's on 8th January 2020. Would you like to know more? Please speak to Gaye Collieran.

### **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Would you like a visit from a member of the Society or do you know someone who may like a visit. You can let any member of the SVP know **in complete confidence** or you could come to our next meeting at 7:30p.m. at St Alban's on Tuesday 7th January and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat. Anyone who needs to get in touch with the SVP in the Parish can now call 07512 011 440.

**THE ST VINCENT CHARITY SHOP** is now open at King Cross Road. Go and have a look round. They will also be able to take your donations.

### **REFRESHMENTS**

TODAY—PLG Christmas Refreshments after 9:30 Mass  
December 29th—Refreshments as normal  
but no Bacon Sandwiches

### **OVER 60'S CLUB**

The next meeting will be on 8th January 2020 at 2:00p.m. at St Alban's.

### **ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS**

The school is closed for the Christmas holiday  
It reopens on Monday 6th January 2020.

### **PARISH LADIES GUILD**

TODAY after the 9.30am Mass at St Alban's, there will be Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Tea, Coffee and Cake in the church hall.

There will also be a bottle tombola stall.  
Please come along and support our church.

### **A CATHOLIC REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED ON CALDERDALE SACRE**

An opportunity has arisen for a Catholic representative to sit on Calderdale SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education) from January 2020.

SACRE is the statutory body that advises Calderdale Local Education Authority on matters connected with Religious Education and Worship in non-Catholic schools. Calderdale SACRE consists of members of all the faith communities within the local area and meets at least once per term during school term time. If you are interested in learning about different faith communities or have a background in education please do consider this role.

For more information about the role please contact Mr.

Christopher Devanny on 0113 261 8042 or at

[chris.devanny@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:chris.devanny@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

***'Bethlehem...where God was made homeless and all men are at home'***

*G.K. Chesterton*

At the great feast of Christmas the parish clergy would like to wish all of you every blessing.

May the child of Bethlehem bring you every joy. May peace and love reign in your hearts and homes this Christmas and in the year ahead.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for all that you do in the parish.

It is wonderful that so many of you give of your time and talents to serve the community, often in very quiet and unseen ways.

It is greatly appreciated.

As we approach the New Year, we thank God for the blessings that he has bestowed on us over the past year. We commend to Him those among our parish community and loved ones who have died. We pray for those who mourn or are in difficulty at this time. We ask His blessing on our parish that we may seek to

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](mailto:jbcoates@btinternet.com)) again by Wednesday evening.

Diocesan Notices can be found on the Parish Website.

The Parish Safeguarding Representative is Clare O'Neill (07792147620 [psr.coneill@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:psr.coneill@dioceseofleeds.org.uk))

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