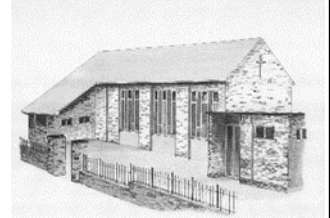


# ST MARY & ST ALBAN HALIFAX



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## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23RD FEBRUARY 2020

**FEASTS DAYS**  
Monday and Tuesday are  
Weekdays in Ordinary Time  
Wednesday is ASH WEDNESDAY  
Thursday to Saturday are Days after Ash  
Wednesday

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Day	Time	Church	Intention
Sunday 23rd February	9.30am	St. Alban's	Fr Angelo Phillips(YB)
	11.00am	St Mary's	For the Parish
	1.00pm	St Mary's	Polish Mass
	6:00p.m.	St Alban's	Anne Kennedy
Monday 24th	No Mass	Today	
Tuesday 25th	7:00p.m.	St Alban's	James Sweeney
Wednesday 26th ASH	10:00a.m.	St Mary's	Maureen Calvert
	12:15p.m.	St Mary's	Fr Francis McGrath (YB)
WEDNESDAY	7:00p.m.	St Albans	Thanksgiving (HF)
Thursday 27th	<b>7:00p.m.</b>	<b>St Alban's</b>	Phillis Whittaker
Friday 28th	9:00a.m.	St Mary's	Winston Fraser
Saturday 29th	12:15p.m.	St Mary's	Michael Boichuk

**EXPOSITION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**Saturday:** 11.00am - Noon at St Mary's  
dedicated to praying for vocations to the  
priesthood.  
**During Lent there will be Stations of  
the Cross at 7:30 at St Alban's on  
Wednesdays.**

**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**  
February 16th Offertory—£921.37  
THANK YOU

**EUCCHARISTIC  
MINISTERS**  
**23RD FEBRUARY**  
9:30 JOHN GREENWOOD  
11:00 CHRIS CRAIG AND  
MADELINE HICKINSON  
6:00 G MCCORMACK  
**1ST MARCH**  
9:30 BRENDA BIGGINS  
11:00 ELA RIBAK AND  
MONIKA REBECH  
6:00 G MCCORMACK

**READERS**  
**23RD FEBRUARY**  
9:30 JOHN REYNOLDS  
11:00 TIM WIDDOP  
6:00 JUDITH MCDONALD  
**1ST MARCH**  
9:30 JOHN GREENWOOD  
11:00 KEN ROTHERY  
6:00 TONY WANNAN

Please pray for all those who have died recently and for Canon Patrick Mulcahy,  
Fr Joseph Wright-Fairclough and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### PRAYER LIST

John Wallis, Millie Haigh, David Murphy, Peter Fekete, 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 Colleran, Pat Reynolds and all the sick and housebound of the parish,  
their families and those who care for them.

### MASSES RECEIVED

Frances Watterson, Anne Kennedy (x2), Caron Hudson, John Lawson (x3),  
Private Intention.

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2020—FIRST CONFESSION

The next meeting for the children and their Parents/Carers will be at  
St Mary's School, at 6:30 p.m. this Wednesday 26th February.

### THE YEAR OF THE WORD

2020 has been designated by the Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales as 'The Year of the Word'.  
As part of the Year of the Word, we are holding a special workshop session for parishioners who currently read  
at Mass and those who would like to start doing so. This is being provided by the Diocese and includes a  
professional voice coach. It will take place after 7pm Mass this Thursday February 27th, at St Albans.  
For more information, contact Paul Coates (paulcoates7@sky.com).

## LENT 2020

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. except Ash Wednesday.

**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.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

For those intending to get married in the near future.

On Sundays, 19th April, 26th April and 3rd May at 12:15p.m. in St Mary's Presbytery.

If you wish to attend the course please let Fr Martin or Deacon John know as soon as possible.

### MISSIO (Red Mission Boxes)

Could collectors and promoters bring their boxes or collections to Teresa at St Mary's (11:00a.m. Mass) or Margaret at St Alban's (9:30a.m. Mass) **NEXT SUNDAY**

### MOTHERS PRAYERS

The next meeting of the Mothers Prayers Group will be at 7p.m. at St Alban's on Wednesday 4th March 2020.

Would you like to know more? Please speak to Gaye Colleran.

### 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 this Tuesday 10th March 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.

### HALIFAX FOOD SUPPORT AND DROP IN

Next Sunday is our day for donations of food and domestic products to the Food and Support Drop In.

### REFRESHMENTS

There will be Tea, Coffee, Juice, Biscuits and **BACON SANDWICHES** after 9:30 Mass today.

### OVER 60'S CLUB

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 4th March** at 2:00p.m. at St Alban's.

### PARISH LADIES GUILD

**PARISH QUIZ** on Saturday 14th March at the Halifax Catholic Club 7.30pm.

**FASHION SHOW** on Friday 22nd May in St Mary's Church Hall 7.30pm.

Tickets for both events will be on sale from this Sunday after both morning Masses.

To reserve tickets for either events please text or phone Jean 07453639567.

Tickets must be paid for before the event.

### HUDDERSFIELD CATENIANS:

Huddersfield Catenians will be joining other Catenian Circles from around Yorkshire for a Day of Recollection at Leeds Trinity University on Saturday 21st March from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm. The theme will be "Where are the Scriptures in your Life" and will be led by the Bishop of Salford John Arnold. Any parishioners interested in joining for the day will be very welcome. The cost will be £20 and this includes buffet lunch as well as refreshments on arrival and through the day. To book your place please contact Chris L'Estrange on 07740 624989. Any men interested in finding more out about the Catenians can go to the website [www.thecatenians.com](http://www.thecatenians.com) or on the church notice board or by calling the Membership Officer Dennis Donnelly on 01484 606042.

## £100,000 CHALLENGE

Today is the February draw for the 200 Club.

### "SMARTIE CHALLENGE"

Tubes of Smarties will be available AFTER Sunday morning Masses and BEFORE Sunday evening Mass to those wishing to participate. You may enjoy the Smarties before filling up the tubes during Lent with the coins of your choice (5p, 10p, 20p, 50p or £1 coins).

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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