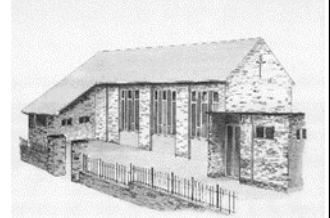


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PENTECOST SUNDAY 31ST MAY 2020

SCHEDULE OF MASSES
CELEBRATED BY FR MARTIN OVER THE LIVE STREAM
ACCESSIBLE FROM THE PARISH WEB SITE

Day	Time	Intention
Sunday 31st May PENTECOST SUNDAY	11:00a.m.	For the Parish
Monday 1st June—Our Lady, Mother of the Church	9:30a.m.	Hannah and Patrick Gorman
Tuesday 2nd—Ss Marcellinus and Peter	9:30a.m.	Bridie Kelly
Wednesday 3rd—SS Charles Lwanga and Companions	9:30a.m.	Eleanora and Jan Zakrzewski
Thursday 4th—OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST	9:30a.m.	2 Children
Friday 29th—St Boniface	9:30a.m.	Private Intention
Saturday 30th —St Norbert	9:30a.m.	Dom Bernard Swinhoe OSB

MASSES RECEIVED:
Honora Hintze,
Sheila Greenwood (x2),
Kathleen Greenwood,
Thomas Ward,
Fred Greenwood,
Michael Toolan,
Brian Diggins,
Kevin Toolan,
Rev. Peter Ward,
Kathleen Ratkowski,
Denis Smyth,
Mr & Mrs
Frank Matthews,
Thanksgiving.

Please pray for
Jim Baldwin
and all those who have died
recently and for
Fr Owen Evans
and all those whose
anniversaries occur at this
time.

PRAYER LIST Margaret Burke, 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.

200 CLUB

The Winning Numbers for March are £100—7, £70—107, £30—55
for April £100—77, £70—39, £30—26
and for May £100—9, £70—70, £30—105

PARISH WHATSAPP GROUP

A Parish WhatsApp group has been established so that parishioners can keep in touch with one another. Fr Martin will be the administrator of the group. If you wish to be included please send a text message with your name to **07990280144**.

SVP

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

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Thank you to all those who organised and took part.

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.

Diocesan Notices can be found on the Parish Website.

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

REOPENING OF CHURCHES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

It is to be hoped that the government may soon lift the restrictions on places of worship, allowing us to open those buildings that are suitable and can fulfil whatever necessary measures need to be put in place.

In the first instance this is likely to be for private prayer only.

The parish priests of the deanery are meeting regularly via the internet to discuss and plan for this eventuality.

As we are made aware of what needs to be done we will inform our parishioners and, no doubt, appeal for your help.

At this initial stage, it is likely that social distancing rules will make it very difficult to open St Alban's Church. This is a matter of great disappointment however it is important that we do all we can to protect one another and social distancing is more effectively achieved for a greater number at St Mary's Church.

There will be a need for stewards to be present when the church is open. If you would be prepared to act as a steward please email Fr Martin (martin.kelly@dioceseofleeds.org.uk). It is to be hoped that we will get sufficient volunteers to open the church at weekends and some weekdays.

At this time the advice is that people aged 70 years and over, people with medical conditions and underlying health issues, people with compromised immune systems, pregnant women and anyone at greater risk of a more serious illness if they are infected with coronavirus should not volunteer to act as stewards. Again, this is likely to cause disappointment, especially in such a generous community but we are advised that this is for their own protection.

If you would like to discuss any of this information please contact Fr Martin.

PRAYING TOGETHER

There are opportunities to pray together online for parishioners. The system we will be using is very simple to understand, instructions are below. BUT we have now have a password. This is to increase the security for the use of ZOOM.

Tuesday at 3pm: Stations of the Light— Zoom Meeting ID : 354 736 708

Wednesday at 7pm: The Rosary—Zoom Meeting ID : 882 976 305

Friday at 3pm: Chaplet of the Divine Mercy - Zoom Meeting ID : 570 322 551

Friday at 7 pm: Stations of the Light—Zoom Meeting ID : 142 983 391

Saturday at noon: The Rosary - Zoom Meeting ID : 315 660 254

THE PASSWORD IS 7riK44 (it is the same for all meetings and is case sensitive)

To join the prayer groups, download and install Zoom at <https://zoom.us/sign%20up> Once done, send the email address you have used to join Zoom to paulcoates0410@gmail.com. This will be used to send you the invitation link to the prayer meetings. Just before the start of the prayer meeting, simply log-on to Zoom, click on 'join meeting' and paste in the meeting link you have been sent or the meeting ID. Once in the meeting you can switch off the camera at the bottom left of the screen if you would rather just have audio. Make sure the mic is on (bottom left of the screen) so you can join in with the responses.

PARISH GIVING

Several parishioners have asked how they can continue to make their weekly giving to the parish. This is a very generous and we are very grateful to those who have thought of it. There are several ways in which you can continue to contribute financially to the parish. If you wish to set up a standing order to donate regularly you can set this up via your own bank. The parish account details are HSBC Bank Sort Code 40 27 15, Account Name: Diocese of Leeds St Mary's Church, Account Number: 21023225. Alternatively, you can download a standing order form [here](#). Return the completed form to Fr Martin at the presbytery (2 Clarence Street, Halifax, HX1 5DH).

There is also the possibility to make one off donations by text message. You can donate £5 by texting CHURCH MARY HALIFAX to 70500. Cheques, cash and envelopes can also be posted at the presbytery.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Can those who donate using offertory envelopes please let Bernard Corcoran know your address so that we can get your new envelopes to you. Email berjoscor@gmail.com or text/call 07969 561943 (mobile) or call 01422 321584 or if it's more convenient you can put your details through the letter box of Bernard Corcoran at 86, St Albans Road. Bernard will ensure you get your boxes..

PRAYER RESOURCES

You will find some very useful and devout prayer resources on the Parish Website or by clicking

<https://www.stmaryshalifax.com/prayer-resource/>.

This also includes suggested prayers from the Bishops of England and Wales. In particular the practice of making a Spiritual Communion is highly recommended and will give you an overabundance of Grace.

NATIONAL WEEKLY MASS FOR NHS AND CARE HOME WORKERS

A National Weekly Mass, will be celebrated by one of the bishops of England and Wales, and live-streamed from his Cathedral, for NHS front-line and Care Home workers, the sick and their families each week at 7.00pm. on Thursdays.

ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND DIACONATE

The ordination to the priesthood for our diocese of Rev Henry Longbottom will take place on 17th July and of Rev Darren Jones on 25th July at Leeds Cathedral.

Christopher Butler will be ordained to the diaconate on Wednesday 17th June in Rome.

Please keep Henry, Darren and Christopher in your prayers.

PENTECOST SUNDAY - NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY

As you are aware, Pope Francis has been encouraging Catholics to pray the Rosary in their homes during the month of May and he has composed two prayers for this intention.

We are invited to join in an initiative that follows on the Pope's request,

the Pentecost Sunday National Rosary Rally,

from 9:00am to 9:00pm across Scotland, England and Wales.

Our Diocese has been asked to pray a Rosary Hour at 6:00pm; however, it does not matter what time during the specified hour that the Rosary is prayed.

GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY

Growing Old Gracefully have been updating their website and created a booklet relevant to the current time.

The booklet can be downloaded from their website at

<https://www.growingoldgracefully.org.uk/>