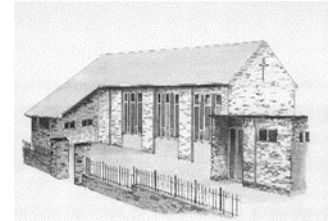


ST MARY & ST ALBAN

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24TH JANUARY 2021

MASSES CELEBRATED LIVE IN ST MARY'S AND STREAMED VIA YOU TUBE (L)

Day	Time	Intention
Sunday 31st January	9:30a.m. (L) 11:00a.m.(L) 1:00p.m. 6:00p.m.	Maureen McCahill For the Parish Polish Mass Colm Davis
Monday 1st February—Feria	No Mass	
Tuesday 2nd— The Presentation of the Lord	7.00p.m. (L)	Joan Smith
Wednesday 3rd—St Blaise	9:30a.m.(L)	Ludvig Murkstis
Thursday 4h—Feria	9:30a.m. (L)	Maureen Ryan
Friday 5th— St Agatha	9:30a.m.(L)	Russell Goulbourne & Family
Saturday 6th—St Paul Miki & Companions	12:15p.m.(L)	Eliis & Ellis-Henderson Family

PRAYER LIST

Margaret Thomson,
Margaret Burke,
John Wallis,
Millie Haigh,
David Murphy,
Peter Fekete,
Fawzia Mohamed,
William Long,
Sonya Box,
Julie Simpson,
Charlotte Fitzpatrick,
Kathleen Knapton,
Peter Carolan,
Peter Smith,
David Hopkinson,
Julie Hall,
Moya Andrew,
Tony Lennon,
Suzanne Peaker,
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.

Please pray for Elaine Collins and all those who have died recently
and for Fr James Kelly and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MASSES RECEIVED:

Walter Masters, Gerard Patrick McCaffrey, Gerard Hodgson, Maureen McCahill,
Special Intention.

MASSES

Please book a place at all Masses using the online booking system
on the Parish website.

Remember 4 people from the same household or social bubble only require 1 ticket.
5 people or more from the same household or social bubble only require 2 tickets.

SCAM EMAILS & WHATSAPP MESSAGES

We have been made aware that some parishioners have received emails and Whatsapp
messages purporting to be from Fr Martin, asking them to buy vouchers as gifts on his
behalf. **These are a scam trying to defraud people and should be deleted
immediately.** At no time would Fr Martin contact a parishioner by text or email asking
them to spend money on his personal behalf.

PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS FOR FEBRUARY 2021

Please remember in your prayers the following intention:
Violence against Women: We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may
be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded. .

PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday at 7pm:
The Rosary-Zoom Meeting
882 976 305
Password 7riK44
SVP

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

On the Parish website there
is a link on the Home Page to
details of this week's
Children's Liturgy activities.
There are additional
Children's Resources via the
Parish Life tab at the top of
the Home Page.

BULLETIN NOTICES

Please send any notices for inclusion in next week's bulletin directly to Fr Martin.
Email address: martin.kelly@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE PREPARATION

The preparation programme for our children who are making their first confession this year will commence on 3 February. This year the programme will take place online due to the current restrictions. If your children is in **Year 3 or above** and has not yet made their first confession, please speak to Fr Martin or Deacon John after Mass or by telephoning the presbytery.

GOVERNMENT 'NATIONAL LOCKDOWN: STAY AT HOME' GUIDANCE

While we are able to continue to hold communal celebrations of Mass during the present pandemic 'lockdown' restrictions, it is important that we continue to look after one another and remain vigilant, especially given the increased transmission rate of the new Coronavirus variant. The use of face-coverings, hand sanitisation and social distancing (face – hands – space) remain the most effective ways to enable everyone to attend Mass safely. It is also important that we pay attention to the way we come to, and leave, the church building and premises. For this heightened period of the pandemic, and to maintain as healthy an environment as possible, all those attending Mass are encouraged not to gather outside but to leave as promptly as possible. In doing so at this very difficult time, we not only treat one another with care and respect but give good witness to others in our community.

PARISH CENSUS

If you have access to the internet and have not yet completed a parish census form, please consider doing so. The form can be accessed on the home page of the parish website (www.stmaryshalifax.com).
Paper copies will be made available later in the year for those who do not have internet access.

HALIFAX DROP IN AND FOOD SUPPORT

Next Sunday is our day for donations to the Drop In and Food Support Centre at Ebenezer.

MASS OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Bishop Marcus will celebrate Mass for the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Thursday 11th February, at the Cathedral. Livestreaming begins at 11.45am with the Rosary. Holy Mass follows at 12:30pm. Join via the Leeds Cathedral Youtube Channel. Past and regular pilgrims particularly welcome to tune in.

FAITH IN ACTION AWARDS

Information Meetings for all Award Leaders and those interested in running the Scheme in your Parish or School on Zoom, Tuesday 23rd February. Two identical sessions: 2-3pm & 7-8pm. Places are free but please book with Jessica or Ryan: youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. Poster attached.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY

The 2020/2021 Diocesan Directories are available at the back of Church at £4 each.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN CHILD

The Department of Health is holding a public consultation on whether to continue the practice of allowing abortion providers to send abortion pills to women so that they can perform their own abortion at home. We need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Department of Health's questionnaire in order to help stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step by step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire. Please go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation> The consultation ends on 26 February 2021.

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

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