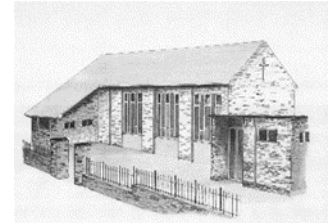


ST MARY & ST ALBAN

HALIFAX



PARISH CLERGY: Fr. Martin Kelly, Deacon John Walsh
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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 15TH AUGUST 2021

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

	Time	CHURCH	Intention
Sunday 15th August—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:30a.m.	St Mary's	For the Parish
	11:00a.m.	St Mary's	Golden Wedding
	1:00p.m.	St Mary's	Polish Mass
	6:00p.m.	St Alban's	Monica Roberts
Monday 16th—?St Stephen of Hungary	No Mass		
Tuesday 17th—Weekday in Ordinary Time	7:00p.m.	St Alban's	Sr Anne Therese
Wednesday 18th—Weekday In Ordinary Time	9:30a.m.	St Mary's	Alan Maguire
Thursday 19th—Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass		
Friday 20th—St Bernard	9:30a.m.	St Mary's	Canon Finan and Canon Fitzgerald
Saturday 21st— St Pius X	12:15p.m.	St Mary's	Jack Donlan

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from 11 to Noon on Saturday at St Mary's and the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available from 11 to Noon on Saturday at St Mary's and from 5:45 p.m. on Sunday at St Alban's.

PRAYER GROUP

There will be a Rosary Zoom Meeting 882 976 305
Password 7riK44 on Wednesday evening at 7pm:

PLEASE PRAY FOR all those who have died recently and Deacon Nigel Bavidge and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER LIST

Gladys Megson, Patricia Hintze, Patricia Ellison, 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, Julie Hall, David Hopkinson, Moya Andrew, Tony Lennon, Suzanne Peaker, Larry Byrne, 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:

Gerald and Marlis Smyth, Margaret Johnson, Alan Maguire, John Joseph Staden, Peggy Travis (x2)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

THE CHURCH: Let us pray for the Church, the She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

PARISH CHOIR

Do you like singing? Why don't you join our Parish Choir? Choir Practice is on Wednesday at 6:30p.m. at St Mary's.

SVP

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

MEETING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND NEW VOLUNTEERS

As the COVID restrictions continue to ease it is important to reinstate full pastoral care for the sick and elderly in the Parish, particularly the reception of Holy Communion in their home.

In preparation for this, there will be a meeting for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (i.e. Eucharistic Ministers) and for anyone wishing to be part of this vital and important ministry.

This will involve regular home visits bringing Our Blessed Lord in Holy Communion (subject to each volunteer's capacity and availability).

As such, our Parish Safeguarding Policies dictate the need for a DBS check with the help of Clare O'Neil, our Parish Safeguarding Coordinator.

An induction meeting will take place at St Alban's Hall this **Tuesday 17th August at 7.30** (after the 7pm Mass)

FURTHER EASING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS

I would ask that people respect the restrictions that remain in place for the safety of everyone and recognising that many people are still very nervous and they should be able to attend church without that being exacerbated by unthinking behaviour.

FACE MASKS: : It is no longer necessary to wear masks in church, **though parishioners should feel free to do so if they wish.**

SOCIAL DISTANCING: As you enter St Mary's, the benches on the right (organ side) will remain as they are with social distancing in place. The benches on the left can all be used with no social distancing.

HAND SANITISING: Please **continue** to use the hand sanitising gel as you enter and leave church.

BOOKING SYSTEM: It is no longer necessary to book.

HOLY COMMUNION: Those on the left side of church should make their way to the altar gates to receive Holy Communion. Those who are socially distancing on the right will have Holy Communion brought to them as is the present practice.

SINGING: Congregational singing is now permitted.

I will produce hymn sheets for each Sunday in the coming weeks so that hymn books do not have to be used.

ST ALBAN'S CHURCH

Social Distancing cannot be guaranteed at any Masses at St Alban's.

In all of this, I thank you for the generous way that you have looked after and assisted one another in feeling safe when coming before the Lord in prayer.

GIANNA PROJECT (CATHOLIC CARE)

St Mary's and St Alban's have been supporting the great work which goes on across the Diocese by Gianna Project (Catholic Care) for nearly three years now.

As a reminder, the Gianna Project supports pregnant women, girls & their families.

The project, which has been named after an Italian Saint, Saint Gianna Beretta Molla, was set up in 2011 and it has grown considerably over the past ten years. Workers meet families who need additional support with the arrival of a new baby in their family, with some of these families living in our Halifax community, including an increasing number of refugees.

There is a continuing need for baby (under one year old) accessories including clothes, nappies, baby wipes, etc. As usual a Moses basket will be left at the back of St Mary's for the next two weekends for the collection of your generous donations. If you need any further information please contact Caroline Walsh on 07826818872.

FROM THE DIOCESE

There are no Diocesan Notices this week.

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.concill@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)
Leeds Diocese Charity Registration No. 249404