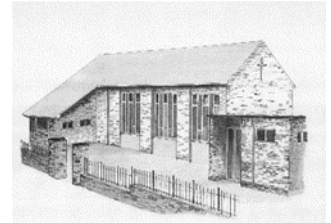


ST MARY & ST ALBAN

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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1ST AUGUST 2021

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

Day	Time	CHURCH	Intention
Sunday 1st August—The Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time	9:30a.m.(L)	St Mary's	Thea Colleran
	11:00a.m.(L)	St Mary's	Jan and Eleonora Zakrewski
	1:00p.m.	St Mary's	Polish Mass
	6:00p.m.	ST ALBAN'S	For the Parish
Monday 2nd—Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass		
Tuesday 3rd—St Oswald	7:00p.m.	ST ALBAN'S	Sheila Greenwood
Wednesday 4th—St John Vianney	9:30a.m.(L)	St Mary's	Margaret McDonald
Thursday 5th— The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major	9:30a.m.	ST ALBAN'S	Fr Lister
Friday 6th—THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	9:30a.m.(L)	St Mary's	Brian O'Farrell
Saturday 7th— Weekday in Ordinary Time	12:15p.m.(L)	St Mary's	The Durkin Family

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 Peggy Travis and all those who have died recently 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:

Richard Blackburn, Peggy Travis, Jan & Eleonora Zakrzewski.

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.

SVP

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

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to the children who were Confirmed yesterday.

Please pray for them, their families, sponsors and those who have helped with their preparation.

THE GATHERING PLACE (EBENEZER FOOD BANK)

Thank You for your very generous donations to the Food Bank.

PARISH CHOIR

Do you like singing? Why don't you join our Parish Choir?

Choir Practices restart on Wednesday 4th August at 6:30p.m. at St Mary's.

EASING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS

As you will be aware, the government has eased the legal restrictions in place because of Corona virus. However, the government are also urging us to be cautious. Given the present infection rate, we will ease some restrictions but will keep others. 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: We would ask that people CONTINUE to use face masks in church unless exempt from doing so.

SOCIAL DISTANCING: There is no requirement to socially distance from others however I would like to make provision for those who wish to. Therefore 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.

This will also allow us to increase the number who can safely attend Mass.

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

STEWARDS: I am extremely grateful to the stewards, who have served us all so faithfully over the past months.

I would ask them to continue where possible as the church will still need to be sanitised after Mass and to ensure that people are directed to the proper side of the church.

BOOKING SYSTEM: The booking system **WILL REMAIN IN PLACE** for the coming weeks in order to assist with 'Track & Trace'. Please use it if at all possible.

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. Please keep masks on even when singing (except the choir). 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

At this stage, I would like to reopen St Alban's Church for Mass on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday **evening** Masses.

Please bear with me with regard to the 9.30am Sunday Mass. The numbers at that Mass are such that we cannot use St Alban's safely at this stage so the Mass will continue at St Mary's temporarily.

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.

FROM THE DIOCESE

CATHOLIC CARE VACANCIES: There are many vacancies for employment within Catholic Care, as well as opportunities for volunteering. Please see website: <https://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruitment/latest-vacancies/> for full details.

FOUNTAINS ABBEY MASS: Feast of St Bernard – Friday 20th August, 12:00noon. Principal celebrant: Fr Richard Duffield, Provost of York Oratory. All welcome.

VACANCY: Diocese of Leeds Music is recruiting a Music Programme Manager, a full time position for a gifted and dynamic arts administrator. For More information visit: <https://www.dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk/staff/>. For an application pack, please contact Jessica Shears: office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk. Closing date: 25th August 2021.

VACANCY: The Parish of St John Vianney Leeds is looking to appoint a Personal Assistant to the Parish Priest from September 2021. This is a full time post (37 Hours per week) Salary £25,012 per annum. Application packs can be requested from office.stjohnvianney@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. Closing date: 22th August 2021.

PREPARATION FOR '40 DAYS FOR LIFE': Watch "Unplanned" the story of 40 Days for Life and how its prayerful impact led abortion facility director, Abby Johnson, to quit her position and take up the cause of fighting for the unborn. Free if you have Amazon Prime or borrow a DVD from Chris Redding 07815681343, 40daysforlifeleeds@gmail.com. To join a watch party (online) on 7th August (3pm) contact Shannon at 40DaysLeeds.communications@gmail.com

FOUND: An amount of money was found on Clarence Street before 9:30 Mass last Sunday. If you think it may be yours please see Brenda Biggins or John Coates

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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