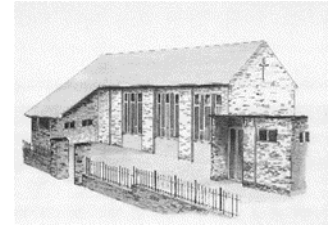


ST MARY & ST ALBAN

HALIFAX



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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

5TH DECEMBER 2021

CELEBRATION OF MASS—(L)= LIVESTREAMED ON YOU TUBE

	Time	Church	Intention
Sunday 5th December	9:30a.m.(L)	St Mary's	Thanksgiving
The Second Sunday in Advent	11:00a.m.(L)	St Mary's	For the Parish
	1:00p.m.	St Mary's	Polish Mass
	6:00p.m.	St Alban's	Yorkshire Brethren
Monday 6th—St Nicholas	No Mass		
Tuesday 7th—St Ambrose	7:00p.m.	St Alban's	Marie Finn
Wednesday 8th—THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9:30a.m.(L)	St Mary's	Thanksgiving (BB)
Thursday 9th—Day in Advent	10:00a.m.	St Mary's	The Noble Family
Friday 10th—Day in Advent	9:30a.m.(L)	St Mary's	Ramon Espares Snr
Saturday 11th—Day in Advent	12:15p.m.(L)	St Mary's	Winifred and Michael Horan



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.

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

PRAYER LIST

David Sutcliffe, Gladys Megson, Patricia Hintze, Patricia Ellison, John Wallis, Millie Haigh, David Murphy, Peter Fekete, Fawzia Mohamed, William Long, Sonya Box, Julie Simpson, Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Peter Carolan, Peter Smith, Julie Hall, David Hopkinson, Moya Andrew, Suzanne Peaker, Larry Byrne, Winnie Whelan, Kathleen Hannan, Nancy McGrath, Eleanor Foran, Maureen Colleran, Patricia Reynolds
and all the sick and housebound of the parish, their families and those who care for them.

PRAYER GROUP

There will be a Rosary Zoom Meeting
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on Wednesday evening at 7pm:

MASSES RECEIVED Tony Lennon, Wanda Leckie, 2 Children (x12)

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

CATECHISTS. Let us pray for the catechists summoned to announce the Word of God. May they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit,

CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS – 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. **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. **ST ALBAN'S CHURCH** Social Distancing cannot be guaranteed at any Masses at St Alban's.

SVP

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

SYNODAL PROCESS

On 10th October 2021, Pope Francis formally opened a two-year process called 'a synod on synodality,' officially known as 'Synod 2021-2023: For a Synodal Church.' In brief, the process entails bishops around the world consulting with all the baptised before coming together for a gathering of bishops in October 2023. This process also marks the beginning of our own diocesan process of consultation, From Parish to Mission. As a major part of that consultation, volunteer facilitators will visit every parish in the diocese from the beginning of November to lead an open meeting to consider the questions put by the Holy See. **Our parish meeting will take place in St Mary's Church at 7pm on Wednesday 8 December.** Please do come along to the meeting. If you are unable to attend or if you would rather engage with the process online, you can complete an online questionnaire at <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/parish-to-mission-survey>. Hardcopies of the questionnaire can be obtained from Fr Martin.

ADVENT DEANERY CONFESSIONS

At St Mary's, Clarence Street, on Saturday 18th December from 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.

Priests will be in attendance throughout.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWS

For children born between the dates of 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 it is time to apply for a place to start school in Reception in September 2022. We very much hope it will be St Mary's that you choose.

Parents should also be aware that the first priority for places (with the exception of 'Looked After' children – under the care of Social Services) will be given to baptised Catholic children living in the parishes of St Mary's & St Alban's and St Columba's.

The closing date for applications is **15th January 2022.**

THE BETHLEHEM CARE AND HOSPICE TRUST

The mission of this Trust is to help those in most need in the Holy Land. When the elderly and terminally ill people of Bethlehem reach the end of their lives, they have nowhere to turn. Everyone deserves dignity, care and help to manage pain at the end of their life. They have launched a fundraising campaign to raise enough funds to build the city's first ever hospice.

To help this good cause please consider buying their Christmas cards which are on sale at the back of St Mary's.

GIANNA PROJECT

In readiness for this Christmas the organisers have made a very specific request where they have identified the greatest need. To meet this challenge we have been asked this year if we can supply baby clothes, **ESPECIALLY** for girls between 0-3 months, nappies and wipes. As usual, a Moses basket will be at the back of Church to collect these items.

THE GATHERING PLACE FOOD BANK (EBENEZER)

Today is the day when we make our donations of food and domestic products to the Gathering Place.

£100,000 CHALLENGE

200 CLUB

OCTOBER DRAW—£100 No 6 Margaret O'Connor £70 No 63 Catherine Reynolds £30 No 66 Kelsey Smith

NOVEMBER DRAW—£100 No 57 John Greenwood £70 No 102 Janet Wild £30 No 28 Tracey Mullan

GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets are on sale after Saturday and Sunday morning masses. (£1 per ticket £5 per book) Prizes include 3 luxury hampers.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

A selection of Christmas cards are on sale after Saturday and Sunday morning Masses. Boxes are priced at £3 and £5. Please note that, in order to avoid the handling of cash, parishioners wishing to purchase cards are asked to have the exact amount of money available. If you don't have the exact amount with you, you may place an order for collection and payment the following week.

CAROL SING

WITH SOUTH HALIFAX CHURCHES TOGETHER

at Tesco Express (bottom of Free School Lane) Thursday 16th December 6:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

This week's Notices from the Diocese are held their own page on the Parish Website

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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