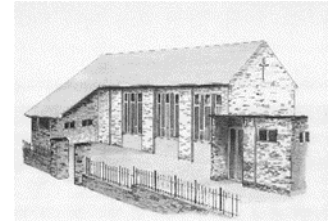


# ST MARY & ST ALBAN

## HALIFAX



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## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 6TH FEBRUARY 2022

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

|   | Time             | Church           | Intention                            |
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| Sunday 6th February—<br>The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:30a.m.(L)      | St Mary's        | Joe Riddeal                          |
|   | 11:00a.m.(L)     | St Mary's        | Peter Carolan                        |
|   | 1:00p.m.         | St Mary's        | Polish Mass                          |
|   | 6:00p.m.         | St Alban's       | For the Parish                       |
| Monday 7th—Weekday in Ordinary Time                       | No Mass          |                  |                                      |
| Tuesday 8th—Weekday in Ordinary Time                      | <b>9:30 a.m.</b> | St Alban's       | Philomena Byrne                      |
| Wednesday 9th—Weekday in Ordinary Time                    | 9:30a.m.(L)      | St Mary's        | 2 Children                           |
| Thursday 10th—St Scholastica                              | <b>10:00a.m.</b> | <b>St Mary's</b> | Frank and Mary Tate and Anne Sampson |
| Friday 11th—Our Lady Of Lourdes                           | 9:30a.m.(L)      | St Mary's        | Ewa Jozefowicz                       |
| Saturday 12th—Weekday in Ordinary Time                    | 12:15p.m.(L)     | St Mary's        | Frank Collins                        |

**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 79885782514 Password C8RKVv on Wednesday evening at 7pm:

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** all those who have died recently and for Mgr John O'Connor and 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.

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

#### MASSES RECEIVED:

John Grubb, James Geraghty, Paddy Kerry, Christopher & Dominic Colleran.

#### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

**We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women thanking them for their mission and their courage. May they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.**

#### HALIFAX DEANERY MARRIAGE COURSE

The Marriage preparation course will include three sessions and will take place on March 13th, March 20th and March 27th at St Mary's Presbytery at 12.15 (just after the 11.00am Mass).  
It is important that any engaged couple who intend to marry this year will need to attend all three sessions.  
If you wish to take part please contact Deacon John Walsh on 07774 857016.

#### READERS ROTA

We would like to restart the rota for those people wishing to be part of the Reading at Mass Ministry.  
If you wish to join the rota please let Deacon John or John Coates (07842066450) have details at which Mass you would like to read.

#### PAUL COATES

Bishop Marcus will visit the parish on Tuesday 22 February to celebrate Mass in St Mary's church at 7pm. During the Mass he will admit Paul Coates as a candidate for Holy Orders. This is a very significant step on Paul's journey to ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. Please do come to the Mass to support Paul and keep him in your prayers.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION—FIRST CONFESSION**

Parents/Carers, of children in **Year Three** or above and who do not attend one of the Catholic schools in the district and wish them to receive **the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time** this year, should contact Fr Martin, Deacon John or Helen Mellor (07931 998337) as soon as possible.

**FIRST COMMUNION**

Parents/Carers, of children in **Year Four** or above and who do not attend one of the Catholic schools in the district and wish them to make their **First Communion this year**, should contact Fr Martin, Deacon John or Helen Mellor (07931 998337) as soon as possible.

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**EASING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS**

The Bishops of England & Wales have eased some of the restrictions that have been in place in our churches. The following will affect us:

It should be stressed that any people displaying symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and not participate in acts of worship in church. This is good practice for any transmissible illness.

It is still good practice to facilitate hand sanitisation on entry and exit of churches (and halls).

There is no need for formal social distancing in church buildings, although those present should be sensitive to the needs of others around them.

Face coverings are no longer required by law in any setting. However, the Government guidance states that “Public Health Guidance will remain in place, suggesting individuals should continue to wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, where you may come into contact with people you do not normally meet.” Therefore, those attending an act of worship may continue to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) whilst in the church building, until the time people feel comfortable and confident not to wear them.

Holy water stoups in churches may be refilled and used.

Usual forms of church cleaning are sufficient.

**THERE SHOULD BE A RETURN TO THE NORMAL MODE OF CELEBRATING MASS RESPECTING THE INTEGRITY OF THE RITE. THIS INCLUDES:**

There is no need for readers (or other ministers) to sanitise their hands before reading or performing other ministries in the church. All ministers of Holy Communion (clergy and lay people) should still sanitise their hands for the distribution of Holy Communion. Holy Communion should be distributed with the faithful approaching the minister in a procession and no longer by the minister(s) going to the congregation.

For the time being, Holy Communion must continue to be given under one kind only (the Sacred Host).

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**THE GATHERING PLACE FOOD BANK (EBENEZER)**

Today is our day for making donations to the Gathering Place Food Bank. Donations can be left at the back of church.

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**BRADFORD CATENIAN CIRCLE**

Any practising Catholic men interested in increasing their social networks are invited to contact Tim Part on 01274611330, Membership Officer or visit the website.[www.catenians.com](http://www.catenians.com)

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**£100 CHALLENGE—200 CLUB WINNERS**

Dec 2021—£100 No 60    £70 No 92    £ 30 No 82

Jan 2022—£100 No3    £70 No 135    £30 No 46

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**DIOCESAN NOTICES See separate page on the Parish website**

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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](mailto:jbcoates@btinternet.com)) again by Wednesday evening. The Parish Safeguarding Representative is Clare O’Neill (07792147620 [psr.coneill@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:psr.coneill@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)) Leeds Diocese Charity Registration No. 249404