



THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY, HALIFAX

Incorporating the churches of St Alban and St Mary

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MASS SCHEDULE AND DEVOTIONS

Perpetual Novena:

Wednesday after 9:30am Mass

Holy Rosary:

Saturday after 12:15pm Mass

Devotions to the Sacred Heart:

First Friday of the month after 9:30am Mass

Our Lady's lamp burns for:

"Deceased members of Peel, Barry, Staden and Jarman Families and all the sick"



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Saturday 11:00am – 12:00pm at St Mary's

Confessions:

Saturday - 11:00am-12:00pm – St Mary's
Sunday - 5:30pm-6:00pm – St Alban's or on Request

Marriages and Baptisms
by appointment

SUNDAY 11 th	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	For the Parish Seamus Costello Mary and George Poppleton
MONDAY 12 th		NO PUBLIC MASS		
TUESDAY 13 th	St John Chrysostom	7:00pm	St Alban's	Brigid Kelly
WEDNESDAY 14 th	Exultation of the Holy Cross	9:30am	St Mary's	Peter Carolan
THURSDAY 15 th	Our Lady of Sorrows	9:30am	St Alban's	Dead List
FRIDAY 16 th	Ss Cornelius and Cyprian	9:30am	St Mary's	Private Intention
SATURDAY 17 th	Memorial B.V.M.	12:15pm	St Mary's	Marie Finn

READERS ROTA

THIS SUNDAY

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am	John Greenwood	9:30am	Gabrielle Colleran
11:00am	Wendy Balahura	11:00am	Katazina Machinu
6:00pm	Bernard Corcoran	6:00pm	Paul Coates

PLEASE PRAY FOR

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II, MAY SHE REST IN PEACE,
KING CHARLES III and all the Royal Family.

Pray also for all those who have died recently and for Archbishop George Patrick Dwyer 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 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.

If you know of anyone in the Parish who is ill or is housebound please let Fr Hilton or Deacon John know so that a visitation can be arranged.

MASSES RECEIVED:

Tom Brennan, Peter Carolan x 2, Mary Tate, Eileen and Bernard Corcoran, Maxine Patron, Robert Connolly, Tony and Julie Simpson x 2

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Father Hilton will be inducted as our Parish Priest at a special Mass celebrated by the Bishop in the presence of the Mayor of Calderdale, on **Friday 30th September at 7:00pm.**

The Mass will be followed by a celebration in the Catholic Club.

Everyone is most welcome to attend.

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

'The SVP would like to thank all who have donated via the bank for their kindness. It is only because of your continued generosity that we are able to carry out our work to help those who need it so a very heartfelt thanks from us and from them. If you want to join in and help the SVP team or if you need assistance please call 07512 011 440.

If you would like to financially support us here are the details: Bank sort Code 60-60-04; Account number 46086137 Account name - SS Mary and Alban Halifax. You can find out more about the SVP at www.svp.org.uk

Next Meeting— 27th September at 6:15p.m. in St Alban's Parish Hall.

We will be holding a CAKE SALE at the back of church on Sunday 18th September after the 0930 and 1100 Masses. Any contributions of baking will be gratefully accepted. Many thanks.

WEDNESDAY ROSARY ZOOM MEETING

Please note that the Rosary Zoom codes have changed.

Meeting ID is 73566939905

Password is SsOeA3

JEAN AND TRACEY CHARITY QUIZ

A big thank you to all who attended the quiz, gave donations of money, raffle prizes, donated the fantastic homemade pies or contributed in any way to making the evening a huge success. £658 was raised for the Macmillan nurses, a very worthy cause.

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

I want to congratulate all those who were involved in organising the quiz night that took place in the Catholic Club last Tuesday, it was a great evening and was enjoyed by everyone who attended. Parishioners kept telling me that my presence on a team was unfair because it would bring divine intervention down on our side... unsurprisingly enough, I think my team, appropriately named, "we haven't got a clue" came in at 6th place.

Whilst Jean and Maureen were reading out the questions and I was wracking my brain for answers, it really brought home to me just how much information comes in one ear and goes out of the other. Lots of the questions were ringing bells, but for most of the time, I just couldn't put my finger on the answer. We are bombarded with so much information these days; from the TV, our smartphones, the radio, newspapers and the rest. It can be very hard to listen sometimes and to actually take in and process what we hear. And I know the same thing happens at church.

We can attend Mass with the best will in the world, we can try to recollect ourselves and prayerfully focus on what we are doing. Yet still, for whatever reason, our minds wander, our concentration slips and we can leave church none-the-wiser about what has just happened.

I would like to encourage you this week to really pay close attention to the readings at Mass but most especially to the words of the prayers. The texts of the Mass are so rich and can really help us to grasp what we are celebrating and why we are doing it. Concentrating on these prayers and really taking them to heart can have a transformative effect on the rest of our week and give us a reference point on which we can focus each day.

Paying attention to the Mass might not help us win any pub quizzes, but what it will help us to win is the prize of our eternal salvation... that's even better than a gift hamper.

Have a good week and God bless you all.

Fr Hilton

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

There will be a Retiring Collection **TODAY** for the **CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE**
There will be a Retiring Collection **NEXT WEEK** for **HOME MISSION SUNDAY**

This week's **DIOCESAN NOTICES** are on their own page on the Parish Website.

Mass Offerings, Notices and News Items for the Parish Bulletin should be given to Fr Hilton or Deacon John by Wednesday evening. Notices and News Items but not Mass Intentions can be sent to John Coates 01422 360469 or jbcoates@btinternet.com) again by Wednesday evening.

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