



# 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 this week burns for:**  
 "All the Clergy"



**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 16 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 11:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	The People of the Parish Paolo Alessandro Capone Polish Mass Joan Crossley
MONDAY 17 <sup>th</sup>	St Ignatius of Antioch	No Public Mass		
TUESDAY 18 <sup>th</sup>	St Luke, Evangelist	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	Mary and Tony Hallinan
WEDNESDAY 19 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	No Public Mass		
THURSDAY 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>REQUIEM</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>St Alban's</b>	Charles Andrew Middleton
FRIDAY 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Fr Martin Presentation</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	Priest's Intentions
SATURDAY 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St John Paul II	12:15pm	St Mary's	Maureen Ryan

READERS ROTA			
THIS SUNDAY		NEXT SUNDAY	
9:30am	Rachel Fitzpatrick	9:30am	John Greenwood
11:00am	Tim Widdop	11:00am	Wendy Balahura
6:00pm	Judith McDonald	6:00pm	Bernard Corcoran

### **PRESENTATION TO FRS MARTIN AND SEAN**

Please remember that the postponed presentation for Fathers Martin and Sean will now take place this Friday evening. Fr Martin will preside at **7:00pm Mass**, followed by a celebration in the Catholic Club. This will be an opportunity to present the Fathers with their leaving gifts and for us as a parish to thank them for all of their hard work over the years.

Please make every effort to come along and celebrate

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Charles Middleton and 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 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.

### **NOVEMBER DEAD LIST – HOLY SOULS**

A reminder that November is the month of the year dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls. During the month of November, two Masses each week will be offered for those on our parish Dead List and then the remaining Masses will be offered throughout the coming year. If you would like your deceased family and friends to be included in these Masses, please place a list of their names, along with an offering in the **envelopes available at the back of church** and then hand them in to one of the clergy or place them through the presbytery letterbox.

### **MASSES RECEIVED:**

Irene Crow, Kathleen Markham, Fr Bernard Blackburn, Thanksgiving - Michael Blackburn, Domenic and Chris Colleran, Bryan and Shelia Greenwood, Anthony Gregson, Jeanne Picaud.

The **ANNUAL DEANERY SERVICE** at **STONEY ROYD CEMETERY** will take place at 3pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at Stoney Royd. Please meet by the Cemetery gates.

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Preparation sessions for those who wish to be Confirmed in February 2023 will be starting shortly. Any parent/carer whose child has made their First Holy Communion and is in Year 6 but does not attend one of our Catholic schools should contact Fr Hilton, Deacon John or Helen Mellor (07931 998337) as soon as possible.

It is also worth highlighting that next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, the 11:00am Mass will be a Mass of 'Enrolment' for our Confirmation Candidates from school. They will be accompanied by their teachers and be presented to the parish as they begin their sacramental preparation. This will give parishioners an opportunity to encourage and to pray for our young people.

It will be nice to see them at church...

### **ST MARY'S PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWS**

We have a VACANCY for a SITE MANAGER. If you are interested please visit the Academy website. Further information and application material can be obtained from the Academy. Tel. 01422 362365  
Closing Date: 21<sup>st</sup> October. Interviews: Week Commencing 31<sup>st</sup> October

### **WEDNESDAY ROSARY ZOOM MEETING**

The codes to access the Zoom have now changed. Meeting ID is 73566939905 Password is Ss0eA3  
Please note that the 0 in the Password is ZERO not letter O.

### **FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST**

Please notice that the Mass times and locations are all over the place this week, I don't want you to get caught out!

The reason for this is that for most of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday I will be away at Ampleforth Abbey with the Bishop and all of the priests of the diocese of who have been ordained for fewer than 10 years. Our annual 'junior clergy' trip is part of what the Church calls "ongoing formation" and is a regular fixture in our lives as priests. But what does "formation" mean? And why is it ongoing?

The word 'formation' refers to the personal preparation that the Church offers us for a particular mission, it is part of a lifelong process of deepening conversion and continuing growth and development. To be formed is to be shaped, to be created and moulded in who and what God is calling us to be. As we well know, none of us are the finished product and therefore our 'formation' is always ongoing.

All of us will have experience of some sort of formal formation such as our Catholic schooling, Sacramental preparation courses, instruction for converts, retreats, pilgrimages etc... but for the most part, as Catholics we must remember that we are responsible for our own ongoing formation. Just as people make room in their lives for socialising, reading, hobbies, exercise... so must we take time to develop our lives of faith and deepen our relationship with the Lord. We can do this by spending more time in prayer, reading spiritual books and more and more these days, by tapping into the ever growing pool of online resources designed for the specific purpose of evangelisation.

The trouble is, of course, it's one thing to think about these things and intending to do them but it's another to actually make the time and get on with it. As Father Lodge has always said to me "talk is cheap but money buys houses." Goodwill on its own is not enough to help us grow and develop, as St Paul says in his first letter to Timothy, "Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by doing so you will save both yourself and those who hear you".

I know that I won't come back from Ampleforth on Thursday morning as the finished product but I'm sure that it will do me some good. I will remember you all in my prayers - say one for me.

God bless you all.

*Fr Hilton*

### **ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**

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](http://www.svp.org.uk)

**Next Meeting**— To be Announced

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 (07842 066450 or [jbcoates@btinternet.com](mailto:jbcoates@btinternet.com)) again by Wednesday evening.

The Parish Safeguarding Representative is Clare O'Neill  
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