



# 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:

The repose of the soul of Maxine Patron



### 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 2 <sup>nd</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Robert Connelly For the Parish Eileen and Bernard Corcoran
MONDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Feria	No Public Mass		
TUESDAY 4 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis of Assisi	7:00pm	St Alban's	Private Intention
WEDNESDAY 5 <sup>th</sup>	St Faustina	9:30am	St Mary's	Two Children
THURSDAY 6 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	9:30am	St Alban's	Bryan Greenwood
FRIDAY 7 <sup>th</sup>	Our Lady of the Rosary	9:30am	St Mary's	Maxine Patron
SATURDAY 8 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial of the 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	Kieron Green	11:00am	Ken Rothery
6:00pm	Bernard Corcoran	6:00pm	Paul Coates

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Joan Crossley, Kathleen Kelly and all those who have died recently and for Canon Thomas Worthy, Fr David Foskew 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:**

Joan Crossley, Kathleen Kelly, Christine and Anne Smith

**WEDNESDAY ROSARY ZOOM MEETING**

The codes to access the Zoom have now changed. Meeting ID is 73566939905 Password is SsOeA3

**PARISH LADIES' GUILD**

The next meeting of the Parish Ladies Guild will be on Thursday 13th October at 7pm in St Alban's parish room. Our guest speaker will be Patrick Robertshaw retired Barrister and Judge.

We are opening this up to any parishioner male or female who would like to join us.

Admission £2 includes light refreshments.

As space is limited in the hall, could you please text me to let me know if you intend to attend.

Jean 07453639567

**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

**GATHERING PLACE FOOD BANK (EBENEZER)**

Today is our day for donation for Food and Domestic Products to the Food Bank.

**ST MARY'S PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWS**

We have a VACANCY for a SITE MANAGER.

If you are interested, further information and application material can be obtained from the Academy.

Tel. 01422 362365

**BATLEY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION**

Monday 10th October, 7:30pm. After a break due to the virus, St Mary's, Batley will once again be hosting the annual Batley Torchlight Procession. This year it will have a new simplified route starting from and ending at St Mary's. There will be refreshments served in the parish hall afterwards. Please come along and support this unique Diocesan event. All welcome.

### **VISIT OF RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE**

Leeds Cathedral, Evening of Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Afternoon of Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. All welcome.  
Please see poster at the back of church for further details.

### **FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST**

I read a very interesting article this week published by the British Science Museum about how colour is disappearing from the world. It was a study of thousands of images divided into 21 categories from the years spanning 1800 to 2020. The results were fascinating. They concluded that over the last 200 years or so, the world has literally become less colourful. The colours of household objects, cars, clothes, buildings, furniture, walls, carpets, signage, billboards, logos (the list goes on) are, with the passing of time, designed more and more in darker tones, blacks and greys.

The paper suggested that this was for a variety of reasons, mainly due to changes in the materials that we use to make things, along with a desire to be neutral and so appeal to the widest possible market and enable mass production. These things are, of course, a matter of personal taste but what a sad thought that the world is becoming a duller place.

It was Dostoevsky who famously said that “the world will be saved by beauty”. This notion that a flawed world can find hope in the abstract and yet sublime concept of beauty is one that the Church shares. Beauty is an integral and essential part of our liturgical life and we all know that beautiful art and music can help raise our minds and hearts to God. This was brought home to me this week as we cleaned St Mary’s on Wednesday morning after Mass (big thank you to all of the volunteers by the way). How blessed we are to have such a beautiful and worthy place in which to worship almighty God.

Beauty, though, is more than just a fleeting stimulus to our senses. It is an enduring, tangible and basic indication of the presence of the Lord. Beauty does not simply refer to things that are pleasing to look at however. The Philosopher, Peter Kreeft once wrote that “there is more beauty in the wrinkled face of Mother Teresa than in the face of the most famous catwalk model, for from it shines joy, humility and love.”

The Church teaches us that things that are Good, True and Beautiful are always intertwined and intimately connected. It is not surprising then that the world losing its colour should coincide with wider society’s fight against truth and goodness. It is our job then, as disciples of Christ, like St Teresa of Calcutta, to make the world a more colourful and beautiful place. We can do this by the love we show to others and by holding fast to the enduring and absolute truths of our faith. If we can do these things, each of us in our own way, will make the world that little bit brighter.

God bless you all.  
*Fr Hilton*

### **And Finally**

A very big thank you to all who helped with the organisation of the Mass of Induction on Friday night. Thank you to those who cleaned the church, arranged the flowers, sang in the choir, served on the altar and organised the food and celebration in the club. It was a fantastic evening and it was wonderful to see such a huge turnout of parishioners. I am very grateful indeed for all of the kind words, cards and generous gifts – they were not necessary but are very much appreciated!  
You are all in my prayers.

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.  
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