



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 intentions of Mary Hargreaves



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 18 th JUNE	11 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 11:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	People of the Parish Paul Mainon Polish Mass May & George Poppleton
MONDAY 19 th	Feria	No Public Mass		
TUESDAY 20 th	Feria	7:00pm	St Alban's	Millie Haigh
WEDNESDAY 21 st	St Aloysius Gonzaga Funeral Service	9:30am 11:00am	St Mary's St Mary's	Private Intention Elizabeth Hartley
THURSDAY 22 nd	Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More	9:30am	St Alban's	Bryan Greenwood
FRIDAY 23 rd	St Etheldreda	9:30am	St Mary's	Gerry Armstrong (A)
SATURDAY 24 th	The Nativity of John the Baptist	12:15pm	St Mary's	Honora Hintze

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THIS SUNDAY

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am	John Greenwood	9:30am	Gabrielle Colleran
11:00am	Ken Rothery	11:00am	Tim Widdop
6:00pm	Judith Macdonald	6:00pm	Bernard Corcoran

PRAYER LIST

Willie Shaw, David Sutcliffe, Gladys Megson, John Wallis, David Murphy, Peter Fekete, William Long, Sonya Box, Julie Simpson, Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Peter Smith, Julie Hall, Moya Andrew, Suzanne Peaker, Larry Byrne, Winnie Whelan, Kathleen Hannan, Nancy McGrath, Eleanor Foran, 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.

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

PARISH MISSION

Please continue to pray for the success of our forthcoming parish mission (**2nd – 7th July**) Each day of the mission week (Mon – Thurs) there will be Mass at 9:30am followed by a Mission Service/Talk at 7:00pm. The Mission will conclude on Friday at lunchtime. There are leaflets available at the back of church to distribute to family and friends.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMY SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE

11am-3pm Saturday 8th July 2023 within the school grounds (weather permitting - indoors if not) Any volunteers for stalls would be much appreciated and should contact Ruth Prosser on 07792 441510 or Joanna Binns on 07932 595955.

Or our PTFA email is:
ptfa@st-marys-halifax.calderdale.sch.uk

THE GIANNA PROJECT APPEAL.

Thank you so much for your continued help and support. Your generosity is appreciated more than ever give the challenging economic conditions. On this occasion we desperately need toiletries for mums and babies. We also require baby clothes for 0-3 month old babies. A Moses basket will left in the porch to receive your donations. Your help and kindness is deeply appreciated.

ORDINATION OF REV PAUL MOORES

You will remember that two years ago, Paul Moores was a seminarian who came on placement to work at St Mary's with Fr Kelly from the seminary in Rome. Paul's ordination to the priesthood will take place on Saturday 1st of July at 11:00am in the Cathedral in Leeds. He has extended a special invitation to the parishioners of this parish to attend the Mass. The ordination of a priest is a very special moment and I encourage all of you who are able, to be present in the Cathedral to support Paul on this very important day in his life and the life of the diocese as whole.

REQUIEM MASS FOR MILLIE HAIGH

The Vicar General of the diocese, Monsignor Paul Fisher, will celebrate a requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Mildred Haigh, Fr Lister's housekeeper of many years at St Alban's church on Tuesday 20th of June at 7:00pm. Refreshments will be provided in parish room after mass.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ROSARY ZOOM MEETING

From 28th June until 30th August the codes change to:-
Code 738 9925 4104 Password 93RHyb

MASSES RECEIVED

Michael Toolan, Kathleen Ratkowski, Mr & Mrs F. Matthews, Kevin Toolan, Bryan & Shelia Greenwood, Denis Smyth, Brian Diggins, Thomas Ward, Fred Greenwood, Fr Peter Ward, Agnes Primus, Irene & Thomas Nalepa, Nicholas Wannan, Gerry Armstrong

MUSIC AT MASS

Tom is away for a well-earned break and so there will be no one to play the organ this weekend and next. There will be no hymns at the 9:30 Mass. At the 11:00 O'clock Mass, the hymns will be:

466 – 601 – 938 - 365

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

Last week I managed to go and listen to two very different classical concerts, one, I must say, I enjoy much more than the other. Nevertheless, whenever I see someone who is able to play a musical instrument I am always filled with similar levels of both admiration and jealousy. How marvellous it would be to be able to just pick up any music and play what is in front of you, it almost seems like magic to me. Like most school children, I had a few piano lessons and for a brief spell, to the horror of our neighbours, took lessons on the cornet, neither of which I can play today because I simply did not put in enough time or effort to achieve any success.

Success, of course, always has its price. To learn without studying, to get paid without working etc. are to cheat both nature and reason. No true success is ever achieved without sacrifice and effort. If we enjoy success without having paid for it, it means that someone else has. The Lord reminds us of this frequently in the Gospels – yes – He has paid for our redemption by his blood, but we are still bound to put in some work ourselves, we have to pick up our cross each day and follow him.

So what does success in life actually look like? Is it an abundance of possessions, a high flying career or attaining celebrity status? Of course not. True success in life ultimately means drawing close to Our Lord and following His example. We will only ever make it to Heaven if we practice a life of virtue and virtues are qualities that require constant effort and exercise to hone and retain. The Catechism defines virtue as "an habitual and firm disposition to do the good" (no. 1803). This tells us that virtue requires much more than performing good deeds every once in a while. After all, it is easy to be generous, patient, and kind to others when things are going well in our life: when we're feeling good and enjoying the people we're with. But will we be generous, patient, and kind to the person who happens to be frustrating us right now? Will we be virtuous with our spouse when we're tired? Will we be virtuous with our children when we're experiencing stress at work or feeling overwhelmed in life? The virtuous person is someone you can count on to give the best of themselves consistently, no matter what the circumstances may be.

Strengthening our moral muscles – the virtues – takes time and effort. We might experience tremendous difficulty and failure when we first start battling against our vices. The key here is perseverance. If the child gives up the music lessons because he can't be bothered to practice and it is seemingly too difficult, he will never be able to play in the orchestra. Similarly, if we give up the battle for virtue because it is too hard, we will only remain enslaved in our vices and never be able to give the best of ourselves to God, our spouse, children, and friends.

A helpful exercise is to consider your most important relationships and ask yourself, "Which vices are keeping me from loving these people more?" Once you have the answer to that, you've got something to work on.

God Bless you all
Fr Hilton

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) again by Wednesday evening. The Parish Safeguarding Representative is Clare O'Neill (07792147620 psr.coneill@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)
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