



THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY, HALIFAX

Incorporating the churches of St Alban and St Mary

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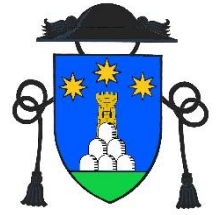
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MASS SCHEDULE AND DEVOTIONS

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:

A Private Intention



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 nd JUNE	CORPUS CHRISTI	9:30am 11:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Evelyn Somerville Benjamin D'Souza Polish Mass People of the Parish
MONDAY 3 rd	St Charles Lwanga	No Public Mass		
TUESDAY 4 th	Feria	7:00pm	St Alban's	Simon Whitworth
WEDNESDAY 5 th	REQUIEM	12:30pm	St Mary's	Thomas Ullah
THURSDAY 6 th	Feria	12:30pm	Hidden Gem Manchester	Frantisek Balaz
FRIDAY 7 th	Sacred Heart of Jesus	9:30am	St Mary's	Maureen Conway
SATURDAY 8 th JUNE	Immaculate Heart of Mary	12:15pm	St Mary's	Filip Makula

READERS ROTA

	THIS SUNDAY		NEXT SUNDAY
9:30am	Isaac Mellor	9:30am	John Greenwood
11:00am	Ken Rothery	11:00am	Tim Widdop
6:00pm	Judith MacDonald	6:00pm	Bernard Corcoran

PRAYER LIST Mary Staden, Frank Behan, Angela Payne, David Stanton, Gerard James, David Sutcliffe, Gladys Megson, John Wallis, William Long, Sonya Box, Julie Simpson, Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Peter Smith, Julie Hall, Larry Byrne, Kathleen Hannan, Nancy McGrath, Eleanor Foran, Rita Baxendale 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 visit can be arranged.

THE MONTH OF JUNE

A reminder that June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. There will be devotions after Mass on Friday morning. If you are able please attend Mass on this Solemnity.

MASSES RECEIVED:

Charlie Hunnam, Pat Sammon, Tomasz & Irene Nalepa, Evelyn Somerville, Aberto Gonella, John Mikulec, Marie Finn x 5

TRIP TO MANCHESTER'S HIDDEN GEM – FREE PLACES

The trip to Manchester is this Thursday, there are a couple of paid for places going free. Let me know if you would like to come by adding your name to list at the back of church.

S.V.P.

Date of next meeting - Tuesday 11th June 6 pm in St Alban's Parish room.
The SVP is holding a cake sale after both morning Masses today.

MEN'S ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

Wednesday 5th of June at 7:00pm in St Mary's.

Devotions will be followed by drinks in the Catholic Club.

This is open to all men of the parish and an opportunity to pray, meet and mix with other Catholics.

NEXT SUNDAY – SPECIAL MASS

The 11:00am Mass next Sunday will be offered for all of our young people who have celebrated Sacraments for the first time this year. After Mass we will process down the street with a statue of Our Lady to the Catholic Club where there will be a buffet and party. All welcome.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE MASS

The Bishop will celebrate Mass for the pilgrims who are going to Lourdes next Saturday at the Cathedral in Leeds. Mass begins at 11:00am

FR RICHARD CARTER

Thank you to Fr Carter who is celebrating the 9:30 and 11am Masses this weekend. I know that you will all make him very welcome.

BETHLEHEM CARE TRUST UPDATE

We are all aware of the continuing suffering of the people in the Holy Land. It is more important than ever that we support those who are dying with dignified end of life care. Bethlehem Care Trust is a Catholic charity which provides palliative care to people of all faiths or none. All funds go to the provision of doctors, nurses and medical staff to provide this essential care. However, these funds are limited and depend wholly on your generosity. Without this service only the wealthy can access palliative care in the Holy Land.

To provide continuing support to the Bethlehem Care Trust, we have launched a “£10 a Bed Challenge” to raise £5000 (of which over £1000 has already been raised). If you are able to support this worthy cause please contribute after Mass at the back of Church where someone will be available to gratefully receive your donation. Alternatively there is a Just Giving page online which you can access at:
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/caroline-walsh-1710784375026>

JOBS AND VACANCIES AT ST MARY'S SCHOOL

Site Manager (Closing Date - 3rd June 2024) – Full Time - £26,421 - £28,770

Cleaner (Closing Date 14th June 2024) – Part Time - £7,556

Nurture and Safeguarding Officer (Closing Date - 3rd June 2024) – Part Time - £15,617 - £17,006

SEND Support Assistant (Closing Date - 3rd June 2024) – Full Time - £16,074 - £16,074

Please contact the School office for further details: 01422 362365

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

Last week's loose collection was **£569.01** Total Approx. **£1231.01** (Inc. standing orders & card)

Standing Orders for April came to: **£2488**

PARISH LADIES GUILD

The next meeting of the Parish Ladies Guild is on Thursday 13th June at 7pm in St Alban's church hall. We have a guest speaker from "Project Colt". This is an organisation based in Elland which supports individuals to live their lives addiction free. Please support this speaker by attending and if possible bring along a guest, male or female.

MAY 200 CLUB DRAW

1st Prize John Coates 79 - 2nd prize Julia Anderson 108 - 3rd prize Catherine Ellis 74

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

Today the Church keeps the beautiful feast day of the Lord's Body and Blood, *Corpus Christi*. Or as the French call it *La Fête-Dieu*, the feast of God Himself. This says something about what an important day it is. Christmas, Easter, Pentecost — all of these days celebrate the most important events in salvation history. But *Corpus Christi* celebrates one of the greatest *mysteries* in salvation history. We couldn't celebrate those feasts — at least not properly, not in the way that we do — without the Mass. *Corpus Christi* is the celebration of what makes every other feast day possible, what makes it possible to encounter the Word made Flesh when we come to Church at Christmas. This is what makes us able to meet the risen Christ ourselves on Easter Sunday. *Corpus Christi* is the celebration of our own encounter with Christ, not in some vague and abstract way, but in a real, objective, and simple way. Christ makes Himself present, and gives us His Flesh to eat and His Blood to drink.

At the Last Supper, shortly after giving his Body and Blood to his disciples for the first time, Jesus said to them, 'No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends.' (John 15:15) This is one of the most important things that Christ ever revealed to us. God calls us friends, He calls us into a relationship with Him not of slavery, but — and we wouldn't dare to say it unless He had said it first — a relationship of equals.

Human beings are not purely spiritual beings like angels. We struggle to form purely spiritual relationships with other people. It's unlikely that your best friend is someone you've never met in person. It's through this gift of His Body that Christ opens up the possibility of a real, human relationship with Him. We don't have to imagine that He's there, we don't have to convince ourselves that He is close to us. We know it, we can be sure of it, because of this most Blessed Sacrament.

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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