



# THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY, HALIFAX

Incorporating the churches of St Alban and St Mary

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Joshua Hilton

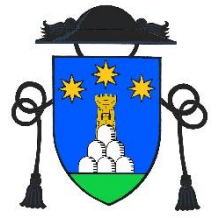
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## MASS SCHEDULE AND DEVOTIONS

### 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:

Michael Blackburn's  
intentions



### 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

See the priest after Mass

The month of November is dedicated to: The Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY 27 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 11:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	'BCA Leisure Staff past and present' Marjorie and Gordon Ellis Polish Mass People of the Parish
MONDAY 28 <sup>th</sup>	Ss Simon & Jude	No Mass		
TUESDAY 29 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	7:00pm	St Alban's	Claire O'Neil's Intentions
WEDNESDAY 30 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	9:30am	St Mary's	Private Intention
THURSDAY 31 <sup>st</sup>	Feria	9:30am	St Mary's	Michael Blackburn's Intentions
<b>FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> NOV. HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b>	7:00am 12:15pm 7:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Sister Mary Morris R.I.P. Cedric Greenwood Fr Bernard Funnel
<b>SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>ALL SOULS DAY</b>	12:15pm 4:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's	Requiem Mass for the Faithful Departed Polish Mass

### READERS ROTA

	THIS SUNDAY		NEXT SUNDAY
9:30am	Kieron Green	9:30am	Lily Hymas
11:00am	Tim Widdop	11:00am	Andrea Woodward
6:00pm	Richard Siebierski	6:00pm	Paul Coates

**PRAYER LIST:** Mary Staden Peter Staden, Frank Behan, 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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**  
Kevin Martin who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**MASSES RECEIVED:**  
Deceased members PLG, Kathleen Hirst (A), Domonic Flynn Int., Fr M. Mahady, Tony Lennon (A), Special Int., Joe Riddeal (A), Josie McLaughlin & Gordon Smith

**ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS**  
Friday, the feast of All Saints, is a Holy Day on which you are obliged to attend Mass. To help you fulfil your obligation, the usual Holy Day schedule is in place.  
On Saturday, All Souls Day, there will be a Requiem Mass at 12:15pm for all of the Faithful Departed, concluding with absolutions at the catafalque.

**NOVEMBER DEAD LIST**  
Envelopes are available at the back of church if you wish to have your deceased loved ones remembered in the Masses. Last year I and another priest offered 120 Masses for the souls commemorated on our November Dead List. Place the names of those you wish the Masses to be offered for along with your offering in the envelope and hand them to one of the clergy or put them through the letterbox.

**PARISH REQUIEM MASS**  
Our annual Requiem Mass for deceased family and friends will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in St Mary's.  
As in previous years, please bring along a photograph to place on the table in front of the altar of those you are praying for, so that we can see those whom we are remembering and commending to the mercy of Almighty God.

**ANNUAL CEMETRY SERVICE**  
The Deanery service at Stoney Royd Cemetery will be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 3:00pm. We will gather at the entrance gate and say the rosary as we process through the grave yard to the chapel on top of the hill for the service. Those unable to walk are welcome to drive to the top and wait for the service to begin.  
Once the service has concluded I will be available to bless individual graves, on request.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**  
The Bishop will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our young people on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. The programme of preparation Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of November.  
If your child is in Year 6 or above and not in a Catholic school but wishes to be confirmed, please speak to me after Mass or contact Helen Mellor on 07931 998337

**LADIES GUILD**  
Tickets now on sale for Afternoon Tea on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2:00pm-4:00pm at the Catholic Club -£10 per person.  
The next meeting of the PLG will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in St Alban's church hall. Please note, this meeting is a week EARLIER than normal. Our theme for the evening will be "Nostalgia".

### **RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS**

Last week's loose collection was **£674.05** Total Approx. **£1332.05** (Inc. standing orders & card)  
The Collection for Mission Sunday raised: **£299.15**  
**New standing order mandates available at the back of church.**

### **S.V.P**

Next meeting is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm in St Alban's parish room. The SVP are, for the next 2 weeks, collecting cold weather wear for refugees and the homeless. All should be wearable items please.

Most needed are:-

Warm coats, men and women, Warm socks, gloves and hats, Boots and winter shoes, men and women, Jumpers, men and women, Jeans/warm trousers, men and women.

If you have any to give please leave at back of either church and we will collect. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **THE GIANNA CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

As Christmas appears on the horizon the Gianna Project have launched their Christmas appeal.

They are asking if parishioners would kindly donate toiletries for mum and baby such as baby shampoo, baby wash, mittens, hats, socks.

For mum toothbrush, paste, shower gel, shampoo and deodorant. These are just a few of the things they need for Christmas. It would be nice to give mum a treat like chocolate as well!

Please help if you can by dropping items into the container at the back of church.

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Are now on sale at the back of St Mary's church after Sunday Mass.

### **HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ROME**

As 2025 is a Holy Year, one of the principle ways in which can Catholics mark this Jubilee is by going on pilgrimage to the Rome. It is in St Peter's Basilica that the Holy Father will inaugurate the year by opening the Holy Door. Those who travel on pilgrimage and pass through the Holy Door receive a plenary indulgence. Pilgrimage during a Holy Year is a profound opportunity to grow spiritually, connect with your faith and to participate in the broader mission of the Church.

As such, Monsignor Smith and I are organising a joint pilgrimage to Rome from our parish and St Anne's Keighley.

The pilgrimage will take place from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2025

We will travel from Manchester airport and stay for 3 nights in a hotel close to the Vatican.

As part of our pilgrimage we will say Mass in St Peter's Basilica, attend a Papal Audience and pass through the Holy Door. We will also tour the city and enjoy plenty of Roman food and wine!

Millions of pilgrims are expected to descend on Rome next year and so we have been very fortunate to secure our flights and accommodation through Tangney Tours.

The cost of the pilgrimage will be £990 per person. (£126 – single supplement)

Booking forms are available after Mass and can be sent directly to Tangney's.

Friends, family and members of other parishes are of course welcome to join us.

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 TBC