



# THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY, HALIFAX

Incorporating the churches of St Alban and St Mary

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Joshua Hilton

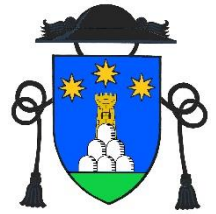
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## MASS SCHEDULE AND DEVOTIONS

### 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:

Alice Williams and Family



### 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

SUNDAY 7 <sup>th</sup> JULY	14 <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	Tomasz & Irene Nalepa Patricia Reynolds RIP Polish Mass People of the Parish
MONDAY 8 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	LOURDES		
TUESDAY 9 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	LOURDES		
WEDNESDAY 10 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	LOURDES		
THURSDAY 11 <sup>th</sup>	St Benedict	LOURDES		
FRIDAY 12 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	12 Noon		Alice Williams Anniversary
SATURDAY 13 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	12:15pm		Vic Toolan RIP

### READERS ROTA

	THIS SUNDAY		NEXT SUNDAY
9:30am	Isaac Mellor	9:30am	John Greenwood
11:00am	Barbara Gregson	11:00am	Katarzina Machinu
6:00pm	Bernard Corcoran	6:00pm	Richard Sibierski

**PRAYER LIST:** Mary 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.

**WELCOME**

Fr Richard Carter and Mgr Paul Owens who are suppling while I am in Lourdes

**MASSES RECEIVED:**

Nicola and Danielle Corbett Intentions, Jan Moska, Holy Souls, Peter Carolan, Tom, Mary and Leo Dolly, Bryan Greenwood, Shelia Greenwood

**FR PETER NEALON R.I.P.**

Fr Nealon's body will be received into St Malachy's with Mass on Tuesday 16th July 6.30pm  
His Requiem will take place the next day Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 12 Noon.  
Please pray for the happy repose of his soul.

**S.V.P**

MEETING: Tuesday 9th July 6 pm St Alban's Parish room.  
If you would like to donate our account number is 46086137, sort code 60 60 04, account SS Mary and Alban SVP. Thank you everyone - we are more than grateful.

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE**

The School Summer Fayre will be taking place on Friday 12th July at 3.30pm after school. All donations of cakes, buns, alcoholic bottles, bric-a-brac and toys welcome for our stalls and tombola. Please be as generous as possible. All welcome to come and attend and support the school, volunteers also welcome to help out. Please contact the PTFa via email: [ptfa@st-marys-halifax.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@st-marys-halifax.calderdale.sch.uk) or contact Joanna Binns (07932 595955) with any queries or if you would like to help.

**200 CLUB WINNERS**

1<sup>st</sup> prize Janet Wild, 103, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize Malcolm Brown 51, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize Anne Henry. 35

**NEW LECTIONARIES**

A huge thank you to all who have so generously contributed to the cost of the new Lectionaries. I have placed our order and am told that the books will be with us some time in October. I will have the dedication plates completed and they can then be viewed by those who are interested to see. The new books and translation of the scriptures will then have to be used from the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has published some information about this change that you may find useful: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary-frequently-asked-questions/>  
And I will just add, that this maybe a good time to volunteer to read at Mass if you feel able to help in this way. Just let me know if you would like to be added to the Sunday rota.

**“WOMEN – THE BIBLE’S BIGGEST SECRET”**

The next event organised by Fr Michael Hall's Mission Team will be held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 7pm at St Patrick's in Elland. Giving the talk will be our very own (Soon to be Rev.) Paul Coates.

**RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS**

Last week's loose collection was **£802.72** Total Approx. **£1,622.22** (Inc. standing orders & card)  
Peter's Pence Collection: **£340.83**  
Standing orders for May: **£3,118.00**

## FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

Just as June was dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (all months of the year in the Church have a particular dedication) so July is traditionally dedicated to Our Lord's Precious Blood. It is a recognition of Jesus' sacrifice and how He spilled His blood for the salvation of the world. Furthermore, this blood is made present through the gift of the Eucharist and is something we consume at Mass, along under the appearance of bread and wine.

During the First Italian War for Independence in 1849, Pope Pius IX went into exile to Gaeta. He went there with Don Giovanni Merlini, the third superior general of the Fathers of the Most Precious Blood. While the war was still raging, Merlini suggested to Pope Pius IX that he create a universal feast to the Precious Blood to beg God's heavenly aid to end the war and bring peace to Rome. Pius IX subsequently made a statement on June 30, 1849 that he intended to create a feast in honour of the Precious Blood. The war soon ended and he returned to Rome shortly thereafter. On 10<sup>th</sup> August he made it official and proclaimed that the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in July would be dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ and subsequently, Pope Pius X assigned 1<sup>st</sup> July as the fixed date of this celebration.

*"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Saviour shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."*

Devotion to the Precious Blood is not a spiritual option, it is a spiritual obligation, and not only for priests, but for every follower of Christ. Devotion, as we know, is always made up of three elements: It is first- veneration, it is secondly- invocation, and it is thirdly- imitation. This veneration of the Precious Blood, which is the first element in our devotion means that we have a deep sensitivity to the awfulness of sin. Sin must be terrible. It must be the most dreadful thing in the universe. Why? Because it cost the living God in human form the shedding of His Blood. Secondly, we must learn to invoke the Precious Blood. There is nothing that has greater power or authority than the spilled blood of Christ and nothing can make our prayers as efficacious as calling upon and pleading the Precious Blood of the Lord. Finally we are all called to imitate the Precious Blood, some people, yes, by the shedding of their own blood as martyrs but for most of us this will mean the laying down of our lives and the emptying of ourselves in the service of others. Giving of ourselves generously, freely and without complaint.

Whenever we go to Mass and receive the Sacred Host, we are receiving not only the Body of Christ, but His Precious Blood too. Once the bread has been consecrated at Mass, it is transformed into the very Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Himself and is given to nourish and heal us.

During this month of July, remember to honour Our Lord's Precious Blood and to pray each day:

*O precious Blood of Jesus, infinite price paid for the redemption of sinful mankind. O Divine Blood, drink and cleanser of our souls, standing between us and the Father pleading for mercy. With all my heart I adore You, sweet Lord, and offer reparation for the insults, outrages and ingratitude, which You continuously receive from indifferent men. Grant, I beg, that I may worthily adore this price of my salvation and through its power be safeguarded from all evils of this present life so that I may rejoice in its fruits forever with You in the next. Through the same Christ our Lord.*

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](mailto:jbcoates@btinternet.com)) again by Wednesday evening. The Parish Safeguarding Representative is TBC